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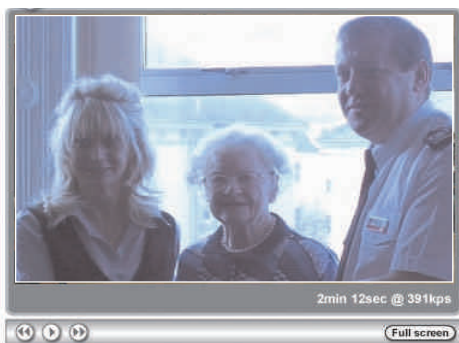


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OH BOY! MONKEY REVEALS ALL

It's the question on everyone's lips... is the baby howler monkey recently born at Port Lympne wildlife park a boy or a girl?

Well, Yourshepway reporter Rob Livingstone was on the ball as ever and spotted the telltale features indicating the park's 18th howler monkey is a boy.

"The monkey, which is about seven inches long, decided to climb on his mother's back - revealing it is a boy," said Rob, who was in the enclosure to make his all-important discovery.

BY ROB LIVINGSTONE

A BLOCK on spending at Shepway District Council has left workers stressed and understaffed, according to a leading politician.

Cllr Lynne Beaumont, leader of the local Liberal Democrats, has accused the Tory leaders of SDC of cutting every budget and not advertising for new staff in a bid to plug a gap in the authority's finances.

She also said the council's financial reserves had been drained.

"If you talk to officers they are saying 'We can't spend anything unless it is an emergency or it is for health and safety,'" said Cllr Beaumont.

"This is dreadful. The knock-on to the staff is absolutely appalling - they have about 30 vacancies at this point in time, with only three being advertised.

"We are holding vacant posts, which means that the people who work here are going to have an awful lot more work to do with very little money to do it."

Cllr Beaumont paid tribute to council employees, whom she said were working hard to maintain services in the face of the spending freeze.

"They are working extraordinarily hard to deliver a service they are very proud of," said Cllr Beaumont.

"Without the cash to do that, and without a full staff team, that is very difficult."

When asked why she thought the moratorium had been imposed, Cllr Beaumont was in no doubt where the blame lay.

"We have run out of cash and all you will hear from Conservative leaders of the council is 'We are balancing the books'.

"They are balancing the books because they

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Airshow would cost too much

■ BY ROB LIVINGSTONE

THE people behind the decision to cancel Lydd Airshow this year have been explaining the reasons behind the move.

As revealed on Yourshepway.co.uk on Thursday last week, the airshow had been due to be held on the weekend of June 28-29, but managers at London Ashford Airport, which owns the Lydd site, said it was costing too much money.

Some 40,000 people attended the two previous airshows, in 2006 and 2007, and the event had become a major attraction in the summer schedule for south Kent.

LAA managing director Zaher Deir said he regretted the decision.

Challenge

"Staging such a large-scale public event has been a huge organisational challenge and has been very costly," he said.

"For the last two years Lydd Airshow has relied solely on Lydd Airport for its full financial support.

"To safeguard its future we recognised that a major sponsor was needed to help cover the cost of staging the airshow at Lydd and, despite our best efforts, we have been unable to attract a suitable sponsor.

"LAA is simply unable to keep covering the full cost of the airshow, so we have had no option but to cancel for this year."

Mr Deir said he hoped the airshow would be held next year once a sponsor had been found.

"We will look into holding the airshow for 2009 provided we can secure sufficient funds.

"Looking farther ahead, we would hope to run this popular family event every other year from there on."



GROUNDING: Tory MP Michael Howard is disappointed there won't be an airshow

Michael Howard, Tory MP for Folkestone and Hythe, said: "I regret that airshow is not taking place – it is a loss to the area, but I quite understand if they haven't got the money."

Meanwhile, a spokesman for the Channel Chamber of Commerce said the cancellation of the airshow was a disappointment.

"It is a real shame that the airshow has been postponed, and that a replacement sponsor could not be found.

"We hope it will return in the future."

'It's a dreadful state of affairs'

CONTINUED FROM FRONT

have taken so much money out of the reserves, I think we are down to our last £100,000 – back in May we had £900,000.

"Anybody can balance the books by taking money out of the reserves.

"Everything has been slashed and things are slowing down – it is a dreadful state of affairs."

Cllr Beaumont accused the council of wasting taxpayers' money.

"You can't keep wasting a million on sports centres, or a million on recycling lorries when nobody decided to test them, and passing that debt on to the council tax-payers of Shepway – somewhere it has got to stop."

However, a SDC spokesman said: "We are certainly not a well-off council, but we have made huge progress over the last three years to stabilise our finances and put ourselves on a stronger footing for the future.

"It is important that we maintain this grip on our spending in the final three months of the financial year.

"This does not mean we have stopped essential spending that is focused on our priorities, or that we will not take on new or replacement staff."

Morale

"It simply means that there would have to be justification for taking on new staff and that appointments would have to be approved by our corporate management team."

Cllr David Monk, deputy leader of the local Tory party and district secretary for finance, denied Cllr Beaumont's accusations about the state of the SDC reserves.

"We have £700,000 left and that is a restatement of the account the auditors requested because we were accounting for some earlier retirement payments over a period of years.

"We haven't dived into our reserves – the council is in actuality no better or no worse off than it has ever been."

"If you are going to put a moratorium on, then you don't spend any money, but of course we are not that stupid.

"There are certain things that have to happen and there are certain things that go towards the objectives of the council, so we focus on those.

"If your budget is predicted to go over, then you don't just sit there and let it go over. If you do, then it messes up all the future financial planning – you have got to have discipline in your budget."

Cllr Monk also refuted the accusation the council was understaffed.

"At any one time there are 30-40 jobs available, that is just the way things go. If we have only advertised for three, then these are the most important three at this time.

"She keeps trying to say the morale of staff is low and it is not. You can come down to the civic centre – staff morale is as good as I have ever known it."



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Siobhan starts in Hollywood blockbuster

Picture NICK AMES

■ BY NICK AMES

THE UK model of the year 2006-07, Folkestone's own Siobhan Hustler, is making an appearance in an upcoming blockbuster movie.

The Other Boleyn Girl tells the sizzling tale of ambitious sisters Anne and Mary Boleyn as they scheme their way into the bed of King Henry VIII.

Star of The Hulk, Eric Bana plays the part of Henry, with starl Natalie Portman and Scarlett Johansson in the roles of Anne and Mary.

Filmmakers Universal Pictures chose Dover Castle to stand in as the Tower of London, the scene of Anne's execution as royal affections turn towards Mary.

And Siobhan plays the role of Anne's lady in waiting in scenes shot at Dover Castle.

She said: "It was a pleasure and privilege to work on this film, especially alongside Natalie Portman, who was lovely.

"It was freezing cold on set and she would give all the people on set with her a chance to warm up with her hot-water bottle.

"I was holding it and then she was, like, 'can I have it back please?'. She was real-



STAR APPEAL: Scarlett Johansson, Eric Bana and Natalie Portman in The Other Boleyn Girl

ly kind – but freezing as well.

"While she was out in the cold, Scarlett Johansson was back in her trailer, in the warm.

"When it came to Anne's death scene we were all told to cry and it wasn't difficult. It was so moving, she made this speech when she realised she was not going to get a royal pardon and it was brilliant.

"Then she did the walk of doom down the castle steps and into the courtyard

before ending up lying in a puddle after losing her head."

The Great Chamber was used as the cell where Anne is held before her 'walk of doom' and the castle courtyard is used for the execution scene.

The scenes at Dover were shot over five days from 6am to 8pm after a three-week makeover which removed all trappings of the 21st century and sent the historic fortress back to medieval times.

A total of 150 crew and a massive 260 extras were used in the shooting the location shots by director Justin Chadwick who based his movie on the romantic and dramatic novel written of the same name written by Philippa Gregory.

The historical King Henry and his retinue would have frequently stayed at the imposing castle and a display of replica period artefacts is currently open to visitors

Siobhan added she has been coming to the castle ever since she was a young girl.

"I always loved the place and its stories – all the history, all the drama and tragedy.

"Now I have been part of bring those tales to life."

• **For a revealing interview about what went on behind the camera and a guided tour of the castle's film locations, join Siobhan Hustler on yourkenttv.co.uk.**



MODEL PERFORMANCE: Siobhan Hustler has helped bring history to life

PO on the move

FOLKESTONE's main post office will re-open in WHSmiths in Sandgate Road.

It will open on March 6, replacing the existing post office in Bouverie Place.

The new post office will have seven serving positions and host will a Bureau de Change and Giro business banking facilities.

Post Office spokeswoman Martine Munby said: "We are confident that the transfer of Folkestone post office to WHSmith will allow us to continue offering a high standard of service to customers from a modern environment, while safeguarding main post office services into the long-term future.

Homeless man burgled chemists 'to raise deposit'

■ BY IAN READ

A CHANCE meeting resulted in Christian Kerr being caught on CCTV breaking into a chemists.

Kerr, 34, of Bridge Street, Folkestone, and another man burgled Lloyds Pharmacy's New Romney branch and got away with perfume and drugs worth £1,200.

Anna Kachingwe, prosecuting, told Folkestone magistrates two men wearing balaclavas were seen breaking into the chemists in New Romney High Street.

They were seen coming out with carrier bags in their hands.

She said: "Shortly afterwards police saw the vehicle the two men were in and gave chase. A bag containing fragrances was thrown out of the car."

When the car was stopped, officers found 1,000 termazapan tablets on the back seat.

Mark Trafford, defending, said Kerr's offence was "stupidity

founded on desperation". He said Kerr met the other man, who, unknown to him was driving a stolen car, in Folkestone.

Mr Trafford said: "They drove to New Romney and the other man announced he was going to break into the pharmacy.

"What Mr Kerr should have done is got out of the car and buggered off, but he didn't.

Depressed

"He climbed in through the broken front door, grabbed a bag and stole some perfumes. He wasn't interested in the drugs.

"He gave into temptation because he was stupid, depressed and homeless.

"He thought he could sell the perfume to get a deposit so he could put a roof over his head."

Kerr was given a four-month prison sentence suspended for 18 months and an 18-month supervision order.

He was ordered to pay £60 prosecution costs.

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Coldplay star loses his cool with photographer Jae Donnelly

Care trust offers a healthy boost

PEOPLE who have found it hard to shift those Christmas pounds, or who are worried about their general health, can get help from the Eastern and Coastal Kent Primary Care Trust.

The PCT offers a range of services aimed at improving the health of people in Kent.

There is the Exercise Referral Service for people with health problems who do not get regular physical activity.

Then there is the Expert Patient Programme, which offers a seven-week course for people with long-term health problems.

Advice on how to stop smoking and how to eat healthily are also available.

For information on the Exercise Referral Service, phone 08008 494000, and for details on the Expert Patient Programme phone 01304 216857.

To learn about the Stop Smoking Service, phone 08008 494444. Call 01304 828709 about the Healthy Eating scheme.

Alternatively, email heath.promotion@ekcpct.nhs.uk for details.

Vouchers to help kids keep in shape

SAINSBURY'S store at West Park Farm, Folkestone, is launching a voucher scheme encouraging children to exercise and eat healthily.

The scheme, Active Kids, also allows vouchers that are collected to be donated to less fortunate schools around the world.

To this end, specialist sports packages have been designed to help children around the world stay active. These include footballs, basketballs, kwik-cricket sets, pumps and frisbees.

From Thursday, February 14, to Wednesday, June 4, every £10 spent is worth one Active Kids voucher.

To encourage healthy eating there are bonus vouchers for fresh fruit, vegetables and any item of food with an 'apple stamp', such as milk, pasta, rice and fresh fish.



Top London billing for dramatic seaside art

■ BY PETER BOYES

A PROMISING young artist from Folkestone has been selected to appear at a major London show.

Shane Record will exhibit his oil paintings to a national audience at the Country Living Spring Fair this March.

He said he was "really excited" about the invitation: "It wasn't what I was expecting at all."

The 33-year-old former university lecturer is now a well-established figure in Folkestone.

The coastal town is undergoing an artistic renaissance, led by the Creative Foundation which was set up by Roger De Haan, the billionaire former owner of Saga.

Mr Record was the first resident artist in the town's Creative Quarter, where artists are offered cheap rents on studios.

He was also the first to open a gallery in the Old High Street in the heart of the old town.

Just before Christmas he was asked if he would like to exhibit his oil paintings at the Country Living fair, which this year has a coastal theme.

"The fact they want me to exhibit there is really exciting," he said.

Mr Record, who was born in Hythe, features in a new film for our broadband TV website, yourkenttv.

It features a water painting and was made with Paul Jerreat, a video journalist at KOS Media.

Mr Record said: "It was an idea of mine that I have been working on for about 10 years. It is



FOR THE RECORD: Oil paintings by Shane Record will go on show at the Country Living fair, which has a coastal theme

about time passing and things changing and disappearing. I'm really proud of it.

"It's a painting that disappears. It's as far from commercial work as you can get."

He revealed some of his motivation for producing the self-portrait in water.

"Part of being in the public eye – which I guess I am – is that you get people criticising you and saying how rubbish you are.

"One comment was that I couldn't do portraits or figures. I thought I would do a self-portrait that disappears so people could eat their words if they like."

Mr Record can be seen most days at work in the window of his gallery. His work in oil features landscapes and vistas in and around the coastal town.

According to the Folkestone Arts Magazine, "Shane's work has a great deal in common with the Victorian artist Atkinson Grimshaw,



his night, rainy and gloomy scenes have done for Folkestone what Grimshaw's work did for Victorian industrial London and many of the northern towns.

"It has been said of Shane that he has iconized Folkestone, single-headedly Shane has put the Creative Quarter on the map.

"Though many wouldn't recognise what Shane produces as high art, it is popular art in that it represents something we understand, would like to remember and have hanging on our wall."

The Country Living Spring Fair takes place takes place March 12-16 at the Business Design Fair in Islington, London.

It will showcase the work of 350 designers and artisans from across the UK, each hand-picked by the magazine's team.

Asked why Shane Record was picked, show director Chris Holman said: "We just liked his work."

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The spirit of Folkestone as captured by artist Shane Record.

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PLACE IN HISTORY: The Leas Lift and Market Crescent (below) have been recorded on Images of England

Buildings provide digital snapshot of England's history

A 'DIGITAL Domesday Book' has been launched to chronicle the greatest architectural treasures of England, which includes local churches and other prominent buildings.

Not surprisingly for a district with such a diverse heritage, many sites in Shepway are featured.

The project by English Heritage has taken seven years to complete and cost £7.4 million. A total of 315,000 images are now online and available at www.imagesofengland.org.uk.

They include almost every building, structure and monument listed as being of importance.

Beautiful stately homes and imposing castles are included alongside the more commonplace – lamp posts, railway stations, telephone kiosks and bus shelters.

"The intention was to capture forever a snapshot of how England looks at the start of the 21st century," said Simon Thurley, chief executive of English Heritage.

"It's a Domesday Book for our time, a digital history of England that captures at one

■ BY NICK AMES

moment what our society values in its history and its architecture.

"This is a unique record. With the gradual march of plastic windows, railings being removed and drives being tarmacked, future generations will be able to look back and see how England once was."

The images were taken by more than 2,200 volunteers nationwide. They used 13,000 rolls of 35mm film and travelled 1.4 million miles to obtain the images.

One photographer, Lorna Freeman, took pictures of England's 42 officially designated counties and had 2,453 different shots used.

Most prominent pictures across the site are of churches, which total 7,484. Next are bridges with 6,283 on the site. Rarest are two penguin pools and one pigeon loft.

The site should appeal to many different people, according to English Heritage.

It is intended for scholars to examine the historical significance of buildings shown, architects and engineers to study techniques and tourists to view place they intend to visit.



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NEWS IN BRIEF

Asda sets £60 fine for flouting parking rules

DRIVERS who flout the law by parking in spaces reserved for disabled drivers will get a nasty shock the next time they go to the Asda store in Folkestone's Bouverie Place.

The company has decided to impose a £60 fine on customers who use the spaces but do not have blue badges.

They will also issue fines to people who park in the spaces reserved for mothers with young children.

The parking spaces are normally located closer to the entrance of the store and are wider so customers can get into their cars more easily.

The company will initially roll out the fines in its stores in the South East. The scheme will go nationwide in March.

Asda says the money raised by the fines will help pay for the scheme and the rest will be donated to charity.

A company spokesman said: "This may upset some people, but it is important that our customers can park hassle-free."

Long-stay campers to be permitted at site

A HOLIDAY camp has had restrictions on the length of time campers can stay lifted.

Previously, visitors to the site were limited to staying 21 nights to prevent non-holiday makers from setting up permanent camp there.

Now the New Beach Holiday Village will be open for holiday purposes only and be restricted to the use of "bona fide campers, caravanners and touring units only", according to Shepway District Council's development control committee minutes.

No static units will be permitted at the site in Hythe Road, Dymchurch, and use of the site for touring units will be restricted to February 28-January 11.

Appeal to drop dirty dog owners right in it

AN APPEAL has gone out to report people who don't clean up after their dogs.

Lympe Parish Council has had number of complaints about the amount of dog mess that has been left around the village.

People who witness dog owners leaving their dog's droppings are encouraged to phone the Shepway District Council dog warden on 01303 853000 and report a description of the offenders.

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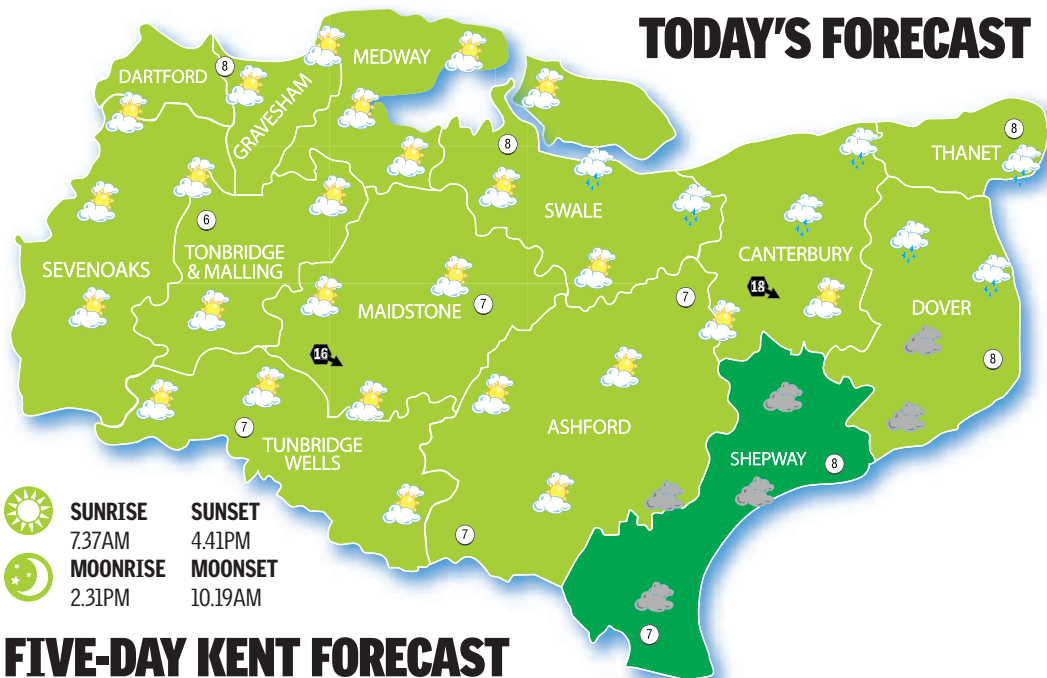


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Dover	Saturday	5:17pm	5.1m
	Sunday	6:45pm	4.9m
Dungeness	Saturday	5:27pm	5.9m
	Sunday	6:38pm	5.8m
Ramsgate	Saturday	5:47pm	3.8m
	Sunday	6:22am	3.9m
Sheerness	Saturday	6:31pm	4.5m
	Sunday	7:00am	4.5m
Whitstable	Saturday	6:39pm	4.3m
	Sunday	7:00am	4.4m



AROUND THE WORLD YESTERDAY

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Athens	15°C	New York	3°C
Barcelona	17°C	Paris	5°C
Beijing	-1°C	Rome	14°C
Bombay	30°C	Sydney	24°C
Cape Town	24°C	Tenerife	23°C
Cardiff	8°C	Tokyo	6°C
Gibraltar	17°C	Vancouver	2°C
Hong Kong	13°C	Warsaw	2°C
Las Palmas	21°C	Wellington	18°C

FIVE-DAY KENT FORECAST

	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon		Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
Ashford	7°C	10°C	5°C	4°C	6°C	Gravesend	7°C	9°C	5°C	4°C	7°C
Canterbury	7°C	9°C	5°C	4°C	7°C	Maidstone	7°C	9°C	5°C	4°C	8°C
Chatham	7°C	10°C	5°C	4°C	8°C	Ramsgate	7°C	9°C	5°C	4°C	7°C
Dartford	7°C	9°C	5°C	4°C	7°C	Rochester	7°C	10°C	5°C	4°C	8°C
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Folkestone	7°C	8°C	6°C	6°C	6°C	Tonbridge	7°C	9°C	5°C	5°C	7°C
Gillingham	7°C	10°C	5°C	4°C	8°C	Tun Wells	7°C	9°C	5°C	5°C	7°C

Family tribute to 'loving' son killed in car crash

A YOUNG man from Alkham was killed when his car hit a tree.

Christopher Hyland, 18, described as "full of energy and life" by his family, was killed in the accident in Alkham Valley Road.

He had been travelling from the Folkestone direction towards River at about 8.30pm on Wednesday last week when his car hit a fence and tree close to Kearsney Abbey.

He was pronounced dead at the scene by paramedics.

Christopher had lived in Alkham his whole life and was described as a "home-boy at heart" by his parents.

He attended Temple Ewell primary school and St Edmunds Catholic school in Dover before pursuing a carpentry career at college.

Following this passion, he had just become an apprentice to a carpenter and cabinet-maker.

In a statement, his family said: "Christopher was a happy, loving, hard-working boy and young man. Through all avenues of his life, whether at school, work or walking through the countryside, he made lots of friends of all ages, quietly and gently leaving an impression on whoever he met.

"People will remember him for his humour and cheeky smile, which always had a way of making everyone around him happy."

Police are appealing for witnesses to the incident or the events leading up to it to come forward. Anyone with information is asked to phone the Serious Collision Investigation Unit on 01622 798538.

The teenager's family said: "Christopher had only been with us for a few years, but he has touched the hearts of all."

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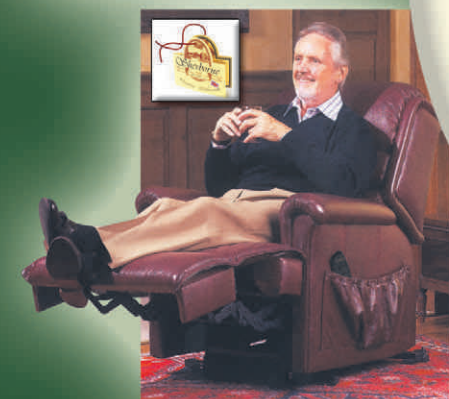
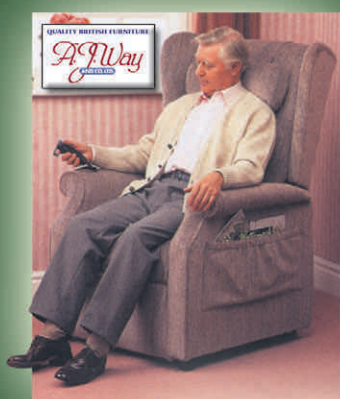
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QUESTION & ANSWER

CHRIS CORRIGAN



Q When did you develop a love of birds?

A I have had an interest in wildlife for as long as I can remember. The experience that I remember really getting me interested in birds was seeing and identifying stonechats and yellowhammers on a family holiday to Devon when I was about 12. I used to see them on the cliff-tops every day. At that time, they were rare and exotic to me. I have had a passion for birds ever since.

Q What does your job entail?

A As regional director, I am responsible for all the nature reserves at sites such as Dungeness, Blean Woods and the North Kent Marshes. I am also responsible for all our work on land use planning and policy, education, youth work, membership and raising the money we need to support the work we do. This is a tremendous variety of different types of work. The downside is I spend most of my time in meetings in offices and hardly any time out in the countryside. This is contrary to the impression of people I meet who imagine I spend all my time driving round in a Land Rover watching birds. If only this were true!

Q How did you become involved in the RSPB?

A As a teenager, I worked as a voluntary warden on three different RSPB reserves and was one of the volunteers guarding the only nesting golden eagles in England. I thought this would be a great experience for helping me to

become a nature reserve warden, which was my ambition at the time. After working as a teacher with VSO in Zimbabwe and then two years working for the Nature Conservancy Council in Orkney and Shetland, I moved to the RSPB in South East England in 1990, primarily because my wife (although not my wife at the time!) rather than I, thought it was a great place to live. As a Lancastrian, it would not have been my first choice at the time! I have since come to realise that my northern prejudices are unfounded. The region has some fabulous places for wildlife.

Q What can Kent offer birdwatchers?

A Kent has a diverse range of habitats including some of the most important wetlands in the country. Places like the North Kent Marshes have an amazing variety of birds throughout the year. The county's geographic location, close to mainland Europe, means it is also excellent for observing migration, particularly at places like Dungeness because it juts out into the English Channel. When you add to this the woodlands and chalk grassland, the county is one of the best in the country for the diversity of birds.

Q What effect will climate change have on Kent's birds?

A It's hard to know for sure. We do not know precisely how big an impact it will have, but we can be sure that sea levels will rise and "drown" some of the coastal mud and salt marsh habitats. It is also very likely that we will have

wetter winters but drier summers which will make it more difficult to manage wetlands. However, we do have opportunities to minimise the impacts by making our wetlands larger and less vulnerable to drying out. We may have to do more water storage of winter rainfall to make sure there is water available in summer. Some recently published information suggests that by the end of the century, some wetland birds may be under greater pressure to survive in Kent, other birds will move in from mainland Europe.

Q What does the RSPB do in Kent?

A We manage almost 30 square kilometres of land across the county including extensive areas of wetland and woodland. Kent has more RSPB reserves than any other county in the South East, which is a good indicator of its importance for wildlife. Although it has a lot of wildlife, (and a lot of RSPB members!) it is also under a lot of pressure from development. We do a lot of work behind the scenes protecting sites from development proposals and occasionally campaign more publicly where major threats emerge. In recent years, one of our more successful campaigns was to help prevent an airport twice the size of Heathrow being built at Cliffe on the North Kent Marshes. At the moment, we are in the middle of another major campaign, to prevent the expansion of Lydd Airport. In addition to conservation work, we have education programmes and events. We can only protect wildlife if people continue to value it.

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Chris Corrigan is regional director of the RSPB. Here he talks to **Rob Livingstone** about his extensive work protecting wildlife and campaigning against development to keep the rich diversity of birds in the county.



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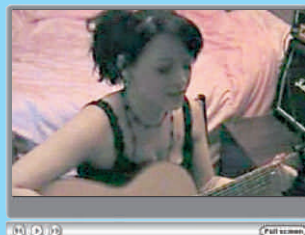
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Coldplay's Chris Martin loses his cool with Folkestone photographer Jae Donnelly outside a New York hospital



Businessman Robin Hills talks about business success, doing National Service and a childhood in Ramsgate



Film-maker and youth football coach Ernie Brennan wants to change parents on the touchline. All parents should watch this



Roger de Haan was among those attending the opening of Folkestone University this month by Michael Howard

EDITOR'S CHOICE

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Brewery logs on to wi-fi technology

BY NICK AMES

A STRING of hotels across the county have become the latest to benefit from the wi-fi explosion.

Brewer Shepherd Neame has teamed up with BT Openzone to offer its customers the chance to log-on to the internet without needing to plug their machines into a phone socket.

And it is rolling out the wireless technology – which is automatically detected by built-in modems on laptops – to all 13 of its hotels in the county.

They include sites in Faversham, Canterbury, Ashford, Chatham, Deal, Broadstairs, Maidstone and Whitstable.

Technology

While the technology is not new – wi-fi is now widely deployed by business and residential users as an easy way for multiple computers to get online – the brewer hopes the technology will lure more people to stay at its hotels and then access details on local attractions and services. In addition it allows staff to log-on to help them in their daily duties.

Nigel Bunting, Shepherd Neame's retail director, said: "Having a comprehensive wi-fi network installed across Shepherd Neame hotels was an essential step forward for us."

"The service has been an instant hit, with staff and hotel guests alike. The wi-fi technology has streamlined the running of the hotel,

from reception through to the back office operations."

Wi-fi is a limited range technology ideal for use in locations such as homes or businesses.

For hotel guests, it means for a small fee they can log-on to BT Openzone and within seconds be surfing the web – and checking out sites such as our very own free broadband TV site, www.yourkenttv.co.uk.

Chris Bruce, BT Openzone's general manager, added: "While we have many partnerships with big hotel brands, we are pleased to be working here in Kent with this niche chain."

"We know it is important for them to be able to provide wi-fi access to guests in today's connected market place."

Ring this number and help to foster

FOSTER care agency Family Matters are on the lookout across Kent to find people who want to look after and raise children.

The Folkestone-based agency – featured in this paper last week – is after suitable people from all walks of life to care for children after they lose their parents.

Unfortunately the number we printed last week was incorrect. The correct number to get in touch with the agency is 01303 210029.

Yourkenttv winners

THREE top videos shown on Yourkenttv have won cash prizes for their creators.

Talented Natalie Langley used the Prodigy song Under My Wheels as the soundtrack to a wild mix of stunning visuals and costumes to make Concrete Jungle.

Together with her creative partner Katie Fotis, she uses colour, graphics, effects and visuals to amazing effect.

Natalie won the KOS Media prize of £500 which was up for grabs when our broadband TV station was launched in September.

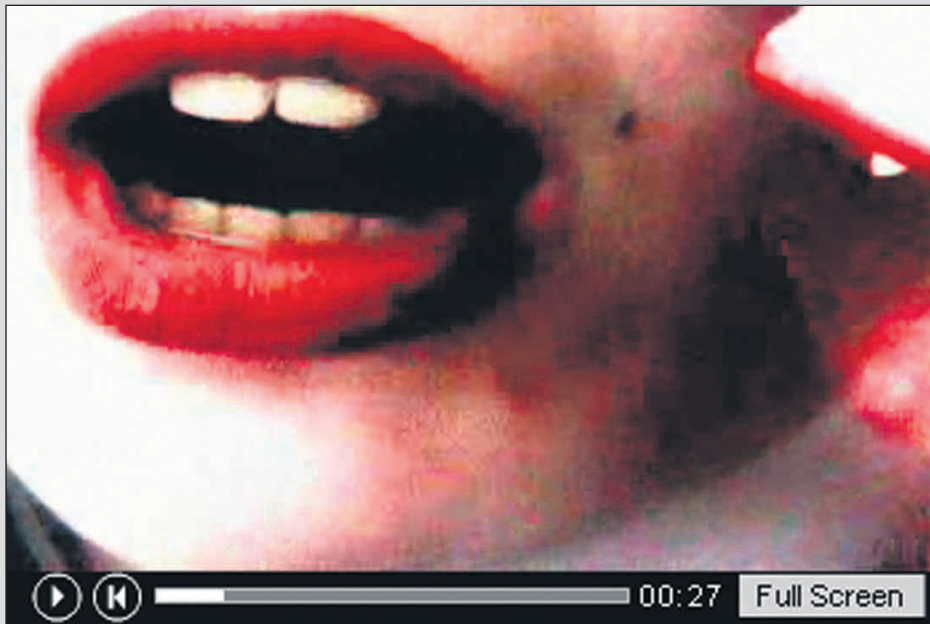
October's upload winner of £100 was Robert McMillan for his EmCee Flapjack

"music video" – the Biscuit Wrap – which has a suitable urban and gritty feel to complement street level sounds... apparently.

EmCee has continued to film and upload a series of music clips and become something of a cult figure on Yourkenttv.

November's £100 winner was Alexander Roscoe for his Sk8 Medway shoot. It saw the skateboarder performing tricks and stunts on a variety of objects from specially-created ramps and pipes, to a selection of street furniture and steps.

Congratulations to all three of our winners. Take a look at www.yourkenttv.co.uk.



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Young reporters make headlines at KOS Media

BY CHRIS BRITCHER

THE next generation of journalists proved they had what it takes when they came to the offices of this newspaper to see a newsroom in action.

Eleven pupils from St Nicholas School in New Romney – all members of the school's journalist club – came to KOS Media's headquarters to learn about how our papers are compiled and pick up tips on their future careers.

The youngsters, all from year six, got a guided tour of the newsroom, watched how a page is made-up and met some of our sales team.

They also gained a valuable insight into the life of a journalist from senior reporter Gareth Arnold who talked them through his busy week and explained how in this day and age he needs to be able to not just write stories but shoot video too.

And proving they had what it takes to make it in the media, they didn't hesitate to ask the all important questions; such as how much do reporters earn and what scares them?

Happy student Roxanne said: "I learnt that producing a newspaper is all about teamwork, and that everyone works to deadlines. I really enjoyed myself."

Classmate Skye added: "I had a great time and learned that if you work hard you can become an editor at a young age."

And fellow club member Georgia said: "There were lots of people in the office, I only expected there to be a few because you are not a national paper."

They learned about the launch of our award-winning sister paper Kent on Sunday and how our new midweek titles – launched in September – link in to an online offering and our free broadband TV site – www.yourkenttv.co.uk.

The club were accompanied by study sup-

port supervisors Carol Harvey and Irene Hills.

Mrs Hills said: "We all had a fantastic afternoon. We were extremely impressed by the friendly office staff and the willingness from all the staff to work with the children."

"We look forward to visiting again next year."

The club produce a regular newsletter on events at the school and the town, with all the stories written by the children.

They've even had a brush with the stars, interviewing screen legend Sir Donald Sinden,

who lives near Tenterden.

They also make regular trips to help their studies.

An upcoming jaunt will see them travel to London to visit the Houses of Parliament, while previous excursions have seen them given guided tours around the studios of the local BBC TV and radio stations.

You can see the ambitious youngsters being shown round the office online – simply click on to our online website www.yourkenttv.co.uk.

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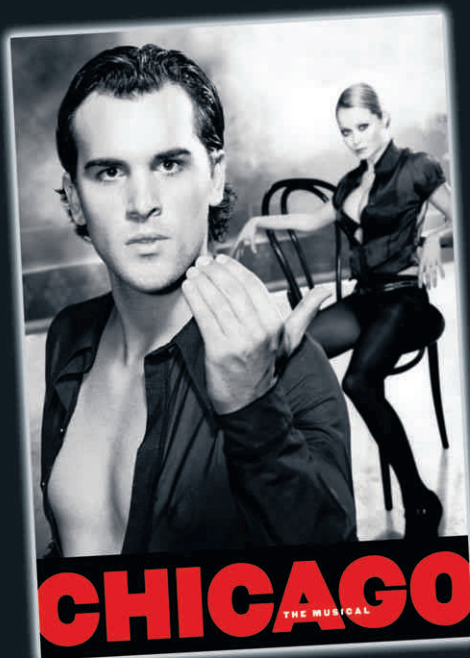


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If Coldplay Chris can't stand the media heat, just get out

IN last week's Yourshepway newspaper and on the websites run by KOS Media, a story about a photographer who used to work for the group appeared in an extremely high-profile form.

The snapper was also all over the internet on sites such as Youtube fighting in the street with Coldplay singer Chris Martin after he had tried to get a picture of the musician's wife Gwyneth Paltrow leaving hospital in New York, possibly after suffering a miscarriage.

Reading comments attached to the video clip, it is quite clear there is no sympathy out there for the Shepway man – indeed some of the language used is quite beyond the pale.

While of course everyone will be feeling sorry for the talented and attractive Ms Paltrow, should the reports of her condition be true, I feel there is another issue here.

Celebrities are always the first to court publicity on their way up to the heights reached by

such stars as the two involved here. They are always on hand to promote their work via magazine and newspaper articles, TV chat show appearances and carefully staged and manufactured 'chance encounters' with members of the public.

In fact I have first-hand knowledge of this. I recently took part in a prime-time US chat show for a specific reason and among the other people on camera was a certain female Hollywood star whose demands included no references on air to any subject matter other than the production she was trying to push.

So stars certainly want to get into the public eye when they need to push a project, and even when they are not actually doing anything they are keen to remind the public they are still around – if only to ensure media coverage will ensure they get the next big part or their next CD sells well.

But how far can random intrusion into the lives of famous people going about everyday business be justified?

Certainly for a woman, there can be few things more personal than losing a child – if

that is indeed what happened. And any man would be furious at what he may see as a further violation of the woman he loves, so a degree of anger is to be expected.

But what is out of order in my view is that people who live or die, career-wise, by the public's perception of them are so one-sided in their attitudes.

They want people to be interested in them – well, fine.

But they cannot have it both ways.

Maybe the current obsession with celebrity has gotten a little out of hand – it seems that fans of an actor, actress or musician want to know everything about them.

And the celebrities themselves should realise the price they pay for a lifestyle beyond the dreams of the overwhelming majority of the population is an amount of intrusion.

After all – if they can't stand the heat, they should get out of the studio.

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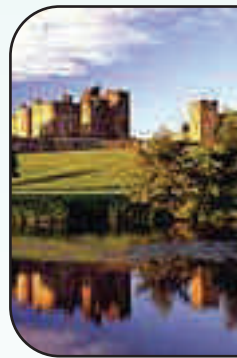


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Bubbly, bubbly, fun-loving woman, 45, 5'4", GSOH, enjoys socialising, pubs, music, eating in/out, own home/car, smoker, looking for honest man 44-55, who enjoys life. Box 823441 ☺

STIMULATING COMPANY

Bubbly, caring, single mum, 46, WLTm nice male, for good conversations, company, and maybe more. Box 396829 ☺

EASYGOING NATURE

Slender divorced woman, 48, dark brown shoulder length hair, hazel eyes, 5ft3, seeks genuine, thoughtful male, 43-54, slim-medium build, about 5ft10 or above. Box 897419 ☺

AM I THE 1?

48yr old, 5'5", dark hair, hazel eyes, likes dancing, music, cinema, days/nights out, would like to share some good times & fun. Box 901027 ☺

ALL THAT I NEED

Young-looking, slim, attractive female, 48, fun-loving, outgoing, N/S, GSOH, love music, holidays, going out, staying in, seeks similar man, 42-50, Aylesford. Box 428833 ☺

READY TO START AGAIN

Hi, I'm Sue, 48, 5'2", dark hair/eyes, divorced, hard-working, WLTm compatible male, stocky build, for good times, possibly LTR. Box 432992 ☺

SHE'S THE ONE!

Young-at-heart female, 48, medium build, 5ft2, dark hair, blue eyes, GSOH, very active, likes clubs and dining out, seeks someone similar. Box 435098 ☺

DIG DEEPER

Genuine, friendly female, 49, likes walking, gardening, nights in/out, seeking genuine, friendly male, 45-55. Dover Box 435441 ☺

BRIGHTON UP MY WORLD

Loving and loyal 49yr old female, GSOH, enjoys walking, countryside, cinema, theatre, pubs, restaurants, music, travel, seeks sincere and loving male between 48-56 for friendship. Box 909974 ☺

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LET ME BE THE 1

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LIKES THE NICE THINGS IN LIFE

Divorced female, 50s, 5ft4, own home, great job and friends, likes to keep fit, hobbies include shopping, cooking, dining out, theatre/cinema, holidays, seeking friendship and more Box 434901 ☺

GREETINGS TO THE NEW BRUNETTE

Brunette female, 59, N/S, 5ft5, hazel eyes, slim/medium build, enjoys meals out, occasional drinks, gardening, music, keeping fit, days out at the coast, seeking friendship/more. Box 434895 ☺

A MILLION TO ONE

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I'm 32, 5ft6, short brown hair and blue-grey eyes, loving, caring and affectionate, love pubs, music and theatre, seeking similar female 25-35 for companionship and more. Box 436080 ☺

R U OUT THERE?

Hi, I'm Mark, 32yrs, brown hair/eyes, muscular build, I'm easygoing, up for a laugh type of guy, looking for Mrs Right. Box 900019 ☺

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34yr old young-looking, shy at first male, 5'9", medium build, enjoy life to the full, seeking that special someone to share good moments with. Box 435061 ☺

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FIRST-TIMER, BE GENTLE!

Attractive male, 37, medium build, likes countryside, travelling, children, animals, pubs, WLTm female 25-35 slim/medium, similar interests, for fun, friendship/serious relationship. Box 435731 ☺

REAL MAN

36-year-old honest, kind, caring male, blond, 6ft, like walks, cinema, nights in/out, enjoy family life, WLTm like-minded, genuine female. Box 430440 ☺

GET UP AND GO

Creative male, 35, 6ft, slim, dark hair/eyes, loves music, travel, history, socialising, cinema, reading etc, seeks laid back, slim, attractive female, 26-35. Whitstable. Box 380976 ☺

HAPPINESS IS...

Good-looking male, 36, short spiky brown hair, likes dancing, socialising, films, WLTm nice, loyal, honest female, 30-42, for a relationship. Maidstone. Box 401597 ☺

R U 4 ME?

Down to earth and loyal guy, 36, looking for companionship, leading to a long-term relationship. Enjoys meals out, good company, conversation, cosy evenings in. Box 914917 ☺

MOVE CLOSER

Friendly male, 37, enjoys the usual things in life, seeks curly, nice female, for friendship and more. Box 395467 ☺

A CERTAIN SMILE

Petite, 38, 5ft11, slim, enjoys music, cinema, dancing, restaurants, seeking loving female, for friendship leading to more. Chatham. Box 425364 ☺

FINGERS CROSSED

Young 39-year-old single dad of 2, in south-east Kent, seeking someone 35-50, for fun times. Box 435048 ☺

DOWN TO EARTH

Nice looking male, 37, slim, likes sports, socialising, most things, seeks dark haired female, 30s with a great personality. Box 807534 ☺

A SPARKLE

Hi, I'm a down-to-earth male, 40, 5'7", medium build, green eyes, loves outdoors, sports, beach walks etc, WLTm an outgoing female for good times. Box 899004 ☺

TWO'S COMPANY

Thoughtful male, 41, 6ft, shaved head, blue eyes, medium to stocky build, looking for a caring female to share good times Box 899053 ☺

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Entries can be sent in either as a school group, school children independently, but sent in with a counter signature by the form teacher. Three suggestions of names are permitted per entry.

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Travel prizes of return ferry crossings with Norfolkline for a car and up to five passengers on the Dover – Dunkerque route will also be awarded to the runner-up and third-placed entries.

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TALK TIME

SIOBHAN HUSTLER

Siobhan Hustler is an actress and model from Folkestone. She tells us what her acting plans are for the future and what she thinks about her home town.



What have you been up to recently?

I have just started doing a few Ann Summers parties. I picked up the party pack last week and I'm very excited about it – it is a chance to get some extra cash and an excuse to meet new people. I like the idea of it as well – a group of girls having a laugh with Ann Summers products.

What else have you been up to?

I am up for a part in the next St Trinians film – I'm either going to be a scruffy schoolgirl or a sexy sixth-former. I have to say I can't see myself as a scruffy schoolgirl! I was also an extra in the Michael Caine film shot in Folkestone at the end of last year. He was really lovely and I was so excited to meet him – I was such a fan of the Muppets Christmas Carol when I was younger. I have also just signed up with a new modelling agency – I am really pleased about that.

What do you think about the developments around the new shopping centre in Folkestone?

I love the fact that we have finally got a Starbucks – I was extremely pleased when that opened as it is a great place to meet friends. I thought there would be a few more shops, not just the ones that opened. Having an HMV is good as I no longer get dragged to Canterbury by my fiancé, but there is still a lack of clothing shops for men – there just isn't the variety. At the moment Folkestone just has Debenhams and a few sports shops – the men of Folkestone could do with a bit more choice.

What are your plans for the future?

I hope to do a few more films and continue with my modelling, but I also want to go to the University Centre Folkestone to do a business course. I always wanted to be a wedding planner, so I thought I probably needed a bit of business experience. I think it's great that it has opened in Folkestone – there was a real need for a further education centre.

YOUR LETTERS

Airport will not create local jobs

SOME people locally are under the misapprehension that the Lydd airport expansion will create employment in the area.

All those employed will be from outside the area.

Pilots, hostesses, air-traffic controllers, ground crew – highly paid.

Restaurant and cleaning staff, baggage handlers – low paid (usually immigrant labour).

Look closely at the people who staff Gatwick and Heathrow!

This will be of no benefit to people in this area looking for work.

Also, there is no suitable infrastructure – shall we concrete over the whole of the Marsh to make this possible?

JG Rinder
Littlestone

Wind power will not deliver

Steve Dawe of Kent Green Party says in the January 16 issue that eight times more electricity could be generated than what we now use from offshore wind alone, according to the British Wind Energy Association.

They also tell you, on BWEA.com, that wind generator output is proportional to the cube of the wind speed (a law of physics) and peaks at 36mph, described on the Beaufort Scale as "Force 7, Near Gale".

Thus at half-speed, the output of a 1,000kw generator is a half of a half of a half of 1,000 – that is 125kw.

At one-third speed, you get one

LETTER OF THE WEEK



MAKEOVER: Could Tontine Street do with a lick of paint? One reader thinks so.

On the dark side of town

I HAVE been reading about the new University Centre in Folkestone and all the praise for it.

How about doing an article on the other side of Folkestone – the empty shops, the failed businesses, the bad paths and dog mess in Tontine Street?

The same can be said about businesses in Sandgate Road and Guildhall Street.

The one thing that brought trade into the town was the market – it brought crowds in from afar.

Now look at it – stuck in Guildhall Street with the traders fed up because there are no people.

It seems the council doesn't care about the small people, so maybe some interest from journalists will help.

LG Hatch
Folkestone

twenty-seventh, 37 kw. Below 9mph, zero.

30,000 MW at full power could meet half the UK maximum demand, but it never happens with wind. With the winds

actually blowing from December 10-24, the total output of 30,000 MW wind machines spread across Britain would have seldom exceeded 2,000 MW, and on some days would be below 200

MW. In any winter, it would seldom reach above 15,000 MW. Traditional power kept the lights on and printing presses rolling.

Look at the hourly speeds shown on Ceefax 404, up them by 30 per cent, because wind machines are on tall towers, and do the sums yourself. I have. Wind cannot deliver reliably. Ask windfarm owners for actual hourly outputs for December.

When we close an elderly traditional power station, with what shall we replace it? Wind will mean blackouts; fossil fuel gives CO₂; with nuclear we get neither. France, with 85 per cent nuclear for decades, has no problem with waste. Why should we?

My qualification? I was the engineering manager responsible for electricity supplies in the Medway-Gravesend-Swanley area for almost 20 years.

Bill Hyde
by email

Nurses get paid for what they do

I WAS amazed and disgusted to read the letter from Marie Curie nurse Linda Damon. I am also a nurse and worked both Christmas and New Year, but I don't look for or want a pat on the back for it!

It is part of the job – we knew that when we took it.

We do it for the patients and for the very good pay and holidays we all get. And don't cry that nurses are poorly paid – you tell me anywhere else you can get the pay we get.

Yes, I imagine you should be grateful to Asda, but they would have been better donating those gifts to the patients who probably could have used/needed them more than the nurses.

Stewart May
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Publicity seekers give a poor image

What a disgrace the so-called photographer Jae Donnelly is. How dare he try to photograph a couple who rely purely on publicity to maintain lifestyles we in Cheriton can only dream about?

Ruth Murdoch
Cheriton

No sympathy after paparazzi scuffle

Why oh why does the paparazzi think it is acceptable to harass people in the public eye just going about their everyday business? It is behaviour like that exhibited by former Yourshepway photographer Jae Donnelly which was a contributing factor in the death of Princess Diana.

I have no sympathy for him at all.

Mike Haynes
Folkestone

Snapper left on ground is a wimp

How much of a wimp is former Yourshepway snapper Jae Donnelly? How can anyone be knocked to the ground by the most quiche-eating rocker of all time – Chris Martin?

He'll never cut it on the mean streets of the city that never sleeps.

Paula Jones
Folkestone

Operation Stack an insult to drivers

It's about time something was done about the chaos caused by Operation Stack, so I'd like to thank this newspaper for highlighting the recent developments.

I feel it is an insult that us drivers are shunted onto the A20 when the French are angry about something (again!) or the weather turns grim.

Neil Poynter
Folkestone

Air ambulance issue is news

Last week's story about the air ambulance looking for help to keep running should be highlighted.

This sort of community-based reporting on proper issues is exactly what local newspapers should be about, so full marks.

Phil House
Hythe

Exercise tops pole position for me

What a great idea it is for women to keep in shape by pole dancing. It beats those tedious aerobics workouts and step-ups any time.

Anything recommended by Kelly Brook, Teri Hatcher and Kate Hudson must be a good idea.

Also it's almost infinitely cheaper to buy a single pole than fork out for

a year's membership of your local gymnasium.

Mike Merton
Etchinghill

Aushwitz left a lasting impression

Last week's blogger raised an excellent point about Holocaust Memorial Day and what an important event it is.

A few years ago I went to Auschwitz, where an impressive museum is now housed in what used to be the camp.

The most striking thing I witnessed was a room completely filled with the shoes of those who died, followed by another full of human hair and, lastly, one filled with artificial limbs.

The gas chambers themselves are a few hundred yards away and left as they were following the attempt to destroy them and the evidence of the crimes committed there by the retreating Nazis.

This should never be forgotten.

David Foster
Folkestone

Dedicated pair offer hope to many

I would like to congratulate the couple featured last week and their work on fostering children. Antony and Eleanor Meade seem a truly dedicated pair and I am sure they bring joy and hope to many people.

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STILL GOING STRONG: After countless line-up changes, Fairport Convention will be playing in Kent when they celebrate their 40th anniversary

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CELEBRATE the 40th anniversary of a music legend when Fairport Convention arrives in Kent.

The band has attracted a huge fan base during its four decades in the business, as well as developing the world famous music festival at Cropredy. The line-up features founder member Simon Nicol on guitar and vocals, bassist Dave Pegg, Chris Leslie on fiddle, mandolin and vocals, violinist Ric Sanders and drummer Gerry Conway.

Over the years there have been many line-up changes, break-ups, reunions and even tragedy, as well as some unforgettable music.

The band began as a four-piece in 1967, which rehearsed at the family home of guitarist Simon Nicol. The house in North London was called Fairport, which inspired the name.

The first line-up lasted for just one gig in a church hall. When a young drummer, Martin Lamble, saw them perform, he decided he could do a much better job and took over the role from Shaun Frater.

Recruiting a female singer, Judy Dyble, helped the band stand out and, after playing at a number of underground venues, they were soon signed up to Island Records. With the addition of an extra male vocalist, the self-titled debut album was released by the end of 1967.

Things were going well, with the



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band on the brink of inventing the new genre of folkrock. A French language version of Bob Dylan's If You Gotta Go just missed out on a Top 20 chart slot, but it did lead to an appearance on Top of the Pops.

Then tragedy struck when the band's van crashed, killing Lamble and Jeannie Franklyn, the girlfriend of guitarist Richard Thompson. The devastated survivors almost gave up, but eventually they went back to the studio and recorded the classic album Liege And Lief in 1969.

During the 70s, there were a bewildering number of line-up changes and by the time the group stabilised, Fairport found itself without a record deal.

A farewell tour was staged and the

final outdoor concert was held in the Oxfordshire village of Cropredy, where bass guitarist Dave Pegg lived. The following year, they performed a reunion concert at the same spot and the festival was born.

There were more line-up changes during the 80s and 90s and for a while there were two versions of Fairport running in parallel. But the 21st century has seen a stable and successful band, enjoying popular tours and some new albums released.

Fairport Convention was given the Lifetime Achievement gong at the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards in 2002, while album Liege And Lief was voted the best folk album ever. It also won a Gold Disc in 2006 for its continuing sales.

The performance starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £18/£17. Call the box office on 01892 530613/532072 or see www.assemblyhalltheatre.co.uk.



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RAINBOW LIVE! ZIPPY SUPERSTAR DJ

Friday, February 21
Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone

CHILDREN'S favourite Zippy gets a taste of musical stardom in the new Rainbow Live! show.

Zippy Superstar DJ sees the motor-mouthed character suddenly propelled into the limelight when he wins a contract with Yellow Peril Records.

A new life of fame and fortune awaits as Zippy prepares to leave the Rainbow house, but first the gang must pull together to give him a trendy makeover.

Zippy's record is a huge hit and he becomes a true superstar DJ.

But when he starts to miss his real friends, Zippy must



decide where he really wants to be.

With lots of sing-along songs, games and plenty of humour, Zippy Superstar DJ is fantastic entertainment for children aged three and above.

Rainbow was first screened in 1972 and finished 20 years later, but there



have been recent repeats on television and the show has remained a favourite with children and adults alike.

The performance starts at 2pm and tickets cost £8.50 or £32 for a family of four. Call the box office on 0844 847 1776 or see www.leascliffhall.co.uk.

IAN PARKER

Thursday, February 14
Astor Theatre Arts Centre, Deal



WITH his bitter sweet vocal style and harrowing guitar sound, Ian Parker knows how to connect with his audience.

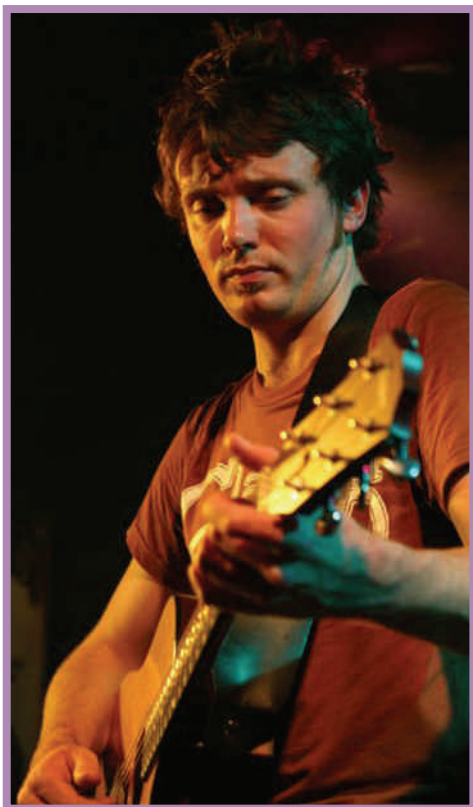
Fast becoming Britain's best-loved blues/roots performer, Parker draws on an eclectic range of influences to produce his unique sound. Described as a relevant contemporary blues man, Parker made a big impression on audiences in Deal when he opened for Walter Trout two years ago.

Born in Birmingham in 1976, Parker was inspired to become a musician when he discovered The Beatles' Rubber Soul album in his parents' record collection. He bought his first guitar at the age of nine and has never looked back.

From forming a band with two school friends to recording an album with producer Matt Butler, who has worked with greats such as Sir Paul McCartney, Parker has become a literate and honest songwriter.

The concert starts at 8pm and tickets cost £10 in advance or £15 on the door. Call the box office on 01304 381134 or see www.astortheatre.co.uk.

Find out more about Ian Parker online at www.ianparkermusic.com.



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STEWBOSS

Monday, February 4
Zebra Bar, Maidstone



ONE of California's busiest bands is back in town next week, thanks to Maverick @Zebra Bar.

Stewboss played to a sold-out crowd when they last visited Maidstone 18 months ago and the expectations are high for the latest tour.

Heavily influenced by Bruce Springsteen, the band is no tribute act and the spir-

its of the Rolling Stones and Counting Crows are also embraced in the Stewboss sound.

Lead singer Gregg Sarfaty's powerful lyrics comment poetically on the folly of love and all the troubles it can bring. Billed as "American trailer park philosophy at its powerful best", the West Coast country-rock, New Jersey roots-rock is all wrapped up in a great musical stew.

Special guests Dead Rock West are not just into coun-

try and folk influences. With dashes of garage, power pop jangle and rock 'n' roll, there is plenty to keep music fans interested.

The quality of the vocal harmonies, with Cindy Wasserman and singer/guitarist Frank Lee Drennan's voices blending seamlessly, is the band's secret weapon.

The gig starts at 8pm and tickets cost £10 on the night or £8 in advance. Book your ticket in person at the Zebra Bar in King Street or call 01622 744481.

SHEPWAY LEISURE

Enjoy a wealth of live, local musical talent

TOP singer/songwriter Raphael Mead will be at The Lower Deck event in Sandgate on Wednesday, February 6.

He will play with Geoffrey Richardson from Penguin Cafe Orchestra and Caravan, with Andy Briggs on bass. Acclaimed local artist Nic Bennett will be duetting with Kevin Iverson of Springtide Cavalry, who has supported Paul Weller and Ocean Colour Scene.

The gig will be at The Sandgate Hotel in Wellington Terrace and tickets cost £5 or £3 with a flyer. For details, call 07870 604979 or email info@sellindgemusicfestival.co.uk.

Rev up for a great day of car racing with club

GET your motor running and join in the fun at the Capel-le-Ferne Radio Controlled Car Club.

New members are always welcome at the club, which meets every Friday at the village hall in Lancaster Avenue. Up to 20 members take part in a full race programme each time, from 7pm to 10pm.

For more information, call Derek on 01303 259842 or Mark on 01303 220811 or go online at www.capelleferne.info.

Have a drink and show off your knowledge

SHOW off your general knowledge and help raise money for charity at St Margaret's-at-Cliffe village hall.

A wine and wisdom evening is being hosted by St Margaret's Tennis Club on Saturday. The fun starts at 7.15pm and tables cost £30 for a team of eight. Bring your own food and drink.

For more information and to book, call 01304 852634.

Come to the pub and rock to a juicy gig

ROCK band Juicy Lucy will perform at The Frenchman in Folkestone on Friday.

The band, which has existed in various forms since the 60s, will be performing live rock tracks and has been hailed as a fantastic live experience.

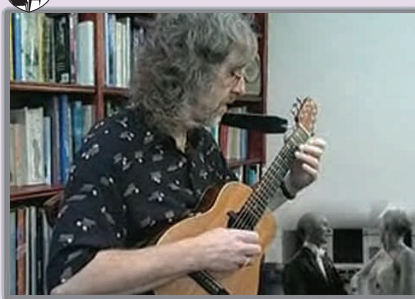
The gig starts at the pub in Christchurch Road at 8pm. For more details, call the pub on 01303 259815. Find out more about the band at www.juicylucyinfo.co.uk.

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Sotirios specialises in international cuisine with pasta, meat and fish dishes all featuring on the menu.

Among the most popular choice for customers is a Sunday carvery, which has a spectacular rib of beef carved at the table as one of its centrepieces.

Set in a building which used to house an historic pub called Nelson's Head – in truth it was once a favourite of the legendary British admiral himself – it is a particularly traditional restaurant with its own unique atmosphere.

The staff are all long-serving and comprise a dedicated team which prides itself on customer satisfaction.

Mr Sotiriou said: "We pride ourselves on maintaining excellent services and value for money.

"Our staff are all very long-standing



people who have contributed to our success.

"We offer excellent food, service, prices and a varied menu."

But Sotirios is never afraid to be innovative.

As well as being able to boast one of the largest menus of any dining venue across the south east of England it has other attractions which are drawing in the customers.

The venue can seat up to 80 people who can enjoy a live vocalist on the evening of the second Wednesday of

every month, while on the last Wednesday of each month a magician practises close up "sleight of hand" tricks to baffle and amuse diners in the evening.

A set menu priced at £20 for three courses runs from Tuesday to Friday.

Sotirios is closed on Mondays but open from noon to 2pm and 6pm to 9.45pm Tuesday to Saturday.

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Susan Dover is the proprietor of the venue and confesses to a secret desire to cook for South African hero Nelson Mandela.

Located in the Swingate area of Dover – which Susan believes is “an up and coming town” – the restaurant specialises in locally-sourced fresh meats and fish platters.

Current favourites on the menu are braised oxtail in a rich red wine sauce, braised vegetables and dumplings, but the menu changes weekly in order to reflect the best produce of the season.

Susan said: “Dover has good potential for people who want great food and informal dining.

“We offer great quality fresh food at



value for money prices with friendly attentive service in a warm ambience.

“Our chef, award winning Carl Johnson, is professional, very calm and very creative.

“We offer a charming, informal candle-lit restaurant.”

The Swingate Hotel can seat up to 200 people for special functions. It is open from 7am until 11pm every day except Sunday when opening is from 10.30am.

LOCAL PRODUCE

FROM Whitstable oysters to New Romney lamb, the Garden of England is home to much wonderful local fare.

Apples, strawberries and cherries are also among the best anywhere and so it is no real surprise many restaurants are turning to local produce more and more.

Chef Gordon Ramsay, pictured, is just one expert backing local produce, and when Jean-Christophe Novelli visited Bluewater's market recently he said he was amazed and impressed at the standard of Kentish produce.



The French masterchef said: “There was such a range of superb food and top quality wines. I was really impressed with the people who were selling their produce as well.”

As well as the undeniable fact that local produce is fresher and does not need to be refrigerated, there are numerous other benefits.

No air miles mean fewer carbon emissions, and the cost of transport is reduced. Buying local produce also means more jobs and money coming into, instead of leaving, an area's economy.

A new initiative, Fresh Skills for Chefs aims to help cafes, bars, businesses and other food providers take advantage of the demand.

Chefs will undergo training and development on such topics as A Taste of Game, Butchery Skills and Special Diets.

Thanet Business College and the environmental foods group Produced in Kent are backing the scheme, along with Tourism South East and the South East England Development Association.

Sue Gill of the tourism group said: “The South East has a reputation for great food including our gastro-pubs, restaurants and hotels and this scheme aims to help the hospitality sector step up another level.”

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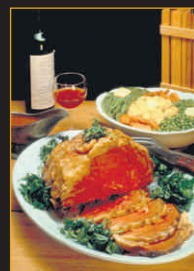
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Michelle Gregory is the owner of the business in The Street, Newchurch, on Romney Marsh, where staff pride themselves on a menu consisting of traditional, home-cooked food.

She said: “Mark the chef and his mother Ann both run the kitchen and produce superb food.

“We have a relaxing ambience, well-trained, polite and courteous staff and an excellently priced menu.

“A lot of our customers are through



word of mouth, which re-confirms our belief that our restaurant is excellent.

“The Newchurch House is relaxed, friendly and value for money.”

The restaurant is open Wednesday to Saturday lunchtime from noon to 2.30pm and in the evenings from 7pm to 10pm.

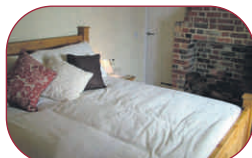
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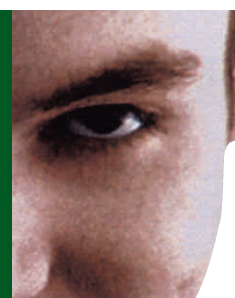
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SYDNEY WHITE (12A)



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Depp's demon performance

BY BEN FALK

"I'll admit it – I have shaved a grown man before," laughs Johnny Depp, who lathers his customers before slitting their throats as the eponymous murderer in new musical Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber Of Fleet Street which hit the big screen on Friday.

"He is alive," says Johnny of his 'client'. "He's walking round to this day."

The movie – for which he has just scooped a Best Actor Golden Globe and last week an Oscar nomination for the same award – provided a new challenge for the 44-year-old, whose chameleon-like ability to slip into any character and make him original is legendary. But Sweeney Todd wasn't about mere acting.

"I had never sung a song," reveals Johnny, who used to play guitar in an 80s band called The Kids.

"I was the guy who would come in and sing the harmony, very quickly. It would be all of three seconds and then I was out."

However, he admits that music was always his first love. "I wanted to be a rock star," he says. "I didn't even think about acting. I was a musician for years before I did a movie."

So when long-time collaborator Tim Burton came along asking him to take on Sweeney – based on the famously-intricate Stephen Sondheim stage musical – Johnny decided to participate in his own mini-X Factor.

He called ex-bandmate chum Bruce Witkin and went into the studio to record one of the film's songs, on the proviso that Witkin told him truthfully if he had the vocal ability to pull off the entire movie.

Witkin remembers: "I said 'Do you want the good news or the bad news?' Johnny said,

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'Well, give me the bad news'. And I said, 'The bad news is you're going to have to do this'."

Johnny signed up, playing the doomed anti-hero who turns to murder after his family is stolen from him and he is unjustly imprisoned for 15 years. He is joined by Helena Bonham Carter as his accomplice Mrs Lovett, the lady who comes up with the plan to dispose of the dead bodies by turning them into delicious pies. The rest of the cast includes Alan Rickman as baddie Judge Turpin and Timothy Spall as the evil Beadle Bamford.

"Sweeney's obviously a dark figure," explains Johnny. "But I think hyper-sensitive. He has experienced something very traumatic, a grave injustice and I always saw him as a victim. Anyone who is victimised and then becomes a murderer can't be all there."

Complete with gothic wardrobe and bouffant locks highlighted by a shocking streak of white, the actor ends up sounding pretty good.



CHAMELEON: Johnny Depp has landed an Oscar nomination as best actor for his role in Sweeney Todd

Johnny says Sweeney and his Cockney brogue is not based on anyone in particular. The voice, he says, comes "just from spending time over in Britain".

The UK is now only a short hop from his base in France, where he lives with his two children and girlfriend Vanessa Paradis. "I don't hang out with anybody who is famous," he says of his laid-back Gallic existence. "I don't know who is rich or poor or successful and it feels good."

Indeed, he manages to pretty much stay out of the tabloids, relishing his family time.

"I just want to spend as much time with my kids as possible," he says. "Doing simple things like going out to the trampoline and swing set, or just looking in the garden to see how the tomatoes are doing – old man stuff."



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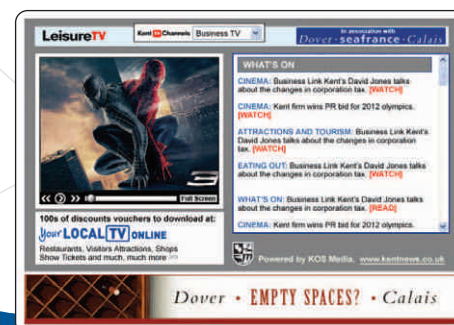
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BY GABRIELLE FAGAN

IMAGINE flying thousands of miles to escape the hassles of normal life and commune with nature in the raw – and ending up instead with noisy neighbours.

They roll back in the early hours, oblivious to those trying to sleep, carry on noisily partying and woe betide anyone calling time on their fun.

That's exactly what I got on safari in Kenya. For two nights outside my tent in the middle of the bush, starting with the regularity of clockwork at 3am I could hear obscene grunts and panting, and heavy bodies lurching about.

A nightmare? No, a dream come true and rather than pulling the duvet over my head and cursing I watched the outrageous antics from the safety of my tent window.

That was because the creatures aping the behaviour of the worst kind of 'chavs' abroad were hippos.

Fat, noisy beasts whose hygiene leaves a lot to be desired – their idea of a spa break is basking in thick mud on the side of the river bank – were frolicking only a few feet away.

Being so close to them was just one of the magical moments on an adventure in the heart of one of the most spectacular game reserves in the world, the Masai Mara in Kenya.

Every year, this National Park welcomes the Great Migration – two million wildebeest, zebra, and gazelle from Tanzania in search of lush grazing.

They join the resident community of other animals, including a star cast known as the Big Five because they were the most coveted by hunters – lion, African elephant, buffalo, black rhino and leopard – and a host of lesser players from hyena to monkeys.

For the first two nights we camped at Governor's Il Moran on the banks of the River Mara in a huge tent with reassuringly solid



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Safari so good

'walls' of double-thick canvas. It came complete with electricity, king size bed, crisp cotton sheets, and ensuite bathroom with a Victorian rolltop bath, shower and flushing loo.

There are only 10 tents at this intimate, exclusive sanctuary, which has no fences and blends so smoothly into the environment that the wildlife feels as 'at home' wandering through as paying guests. Guards are on hand at all times to avoid any close encounters of the wrong sort.

While facilities and food at the camp are of the highest 21st century standard, the safari experience is like stepping out of time. Awoken for tea at 6am – sunrise and sunset are the best time to see the animals – we climbed sleepily into an open truck to 'stalk' the game.

Time and again our guide took us almost within touching distance of the game.

Nothing compares with the prized sight of a pride of lions. After hours of scanning the plains, there's a real thrill of achievement when you find them.

Later, our superb three-course dinners in the open air were enlivened by the musical accompaniment of the noises of the bush – croaking bullfrogs, crickets and the far-off cries of hyena.

It was soon time to drive up into the hillside to our next stop. Mara Bushtops is like an eagle's eerie with spectacular views across Mara Siana wildlife conservancy, bordering the Masai Mara.

Its accommodation is five-star, with tents on solid wooden floors facing out over the valley. A verandah, complete with a hot tub allows you to 'wallow' in much the same way as animals at the waterhole far below.

FACT FILE: KENYA

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Religion	Christianity
Climate	Tropical

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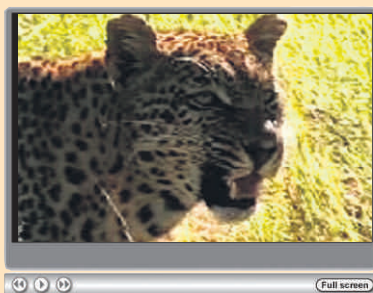
Gabrielle Fagan was a guest of Kuoni Travel (01306 747 001) which offers tailor-made holidays to Kenya.

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YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)

IT'S better to trust your intuition than consult with friends. This will be a little scary at first, but it will also prove rewarding. Keep your thoughts to yourself between now and mid-February. A romance that fell by the wayside could come roaring back to life again in February.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762



TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)

YOUR religious, political, or philosophical beliefs are about to undergo a serious overhaul. You're starting to question the ideals with which you were raised. Talks with your boss could prove unproductive. The two of you will be working at cross purposes over the next three weeks.

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LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)

DAILY life is about to undergo a transformation. Although this will force you to relinquish mainstream society, it will benefit you. It may be time to reconsider certain arrangements. You've been doing the lion's share of the work lately. Move to adjust the balance of a relationship.

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SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

YOU could be trusted with secret information over the next few days. It's important to stay silent about these matters. Don't make any decisions regarding moving for the next three weeks, unless you plan to renew an existing lease. Be assertive in a relationship. You won't be sorry.

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PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)

YOUR personal objectives are very different from what they were a few months ago. Career goals are less important than close relationships. Getting closer to your nearest and dearest gives you a profound sense of contentment. Move forward with a stalled domestic project.

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GEMINI (May 22-Jun 23)

A NEW interest could take you down some interesting paths over the next few years. Finding sexual fulfilment will become another priority. A political or religious figure could prompt you to revise your ideas about a philosophical matter and inspire you to challenge the status quo.

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VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)

AN overwhelming desire for romance and creativity could prompt you to make changes. There's no need to rush into anything; you should lay your plans with care and consider all the ins and outs of what you have in mind as they are bound to affect those nearest to you.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

YOU'LL need to be more resourceful regarding money. Cash won't come in as easily as it has during the past few years. That's fine; you're not wasteful by nature. Still, this would be a good time to explore ways to adopt more environmentally-friendly ways.

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ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)

AN increased need to succeed could prompt you to work harder and develop your leadership skills. Certain friendships will undergo changes between now and mid-February. Wasting time on people who don't have your best interests at heart is becoming a bit of a bore.

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CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)

POWER struggles can emerge in close relationships. You're no longer willing to take a back seat. Similarly, people who feel they have been overshadowed by you will challenge your authority. Although it will be difficult to change these partnerships, this shift will prove rewarding.

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LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)

IT'S time to break away from a restrictive emotional bond. You won't have to relinquish relationships altogether. You just need to claim a measure of independence. A lost love could return. Before you revert to old ways, sit and talk. You'll soon see very little has changed.

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CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)

YOUR self image will undergo a radical change over the next few years. It may be necessary to alter your budget a bit. Cutting back on expensive luxuries will enable you to work less and play more. This is a good week to begin a brisk exercise regimen.

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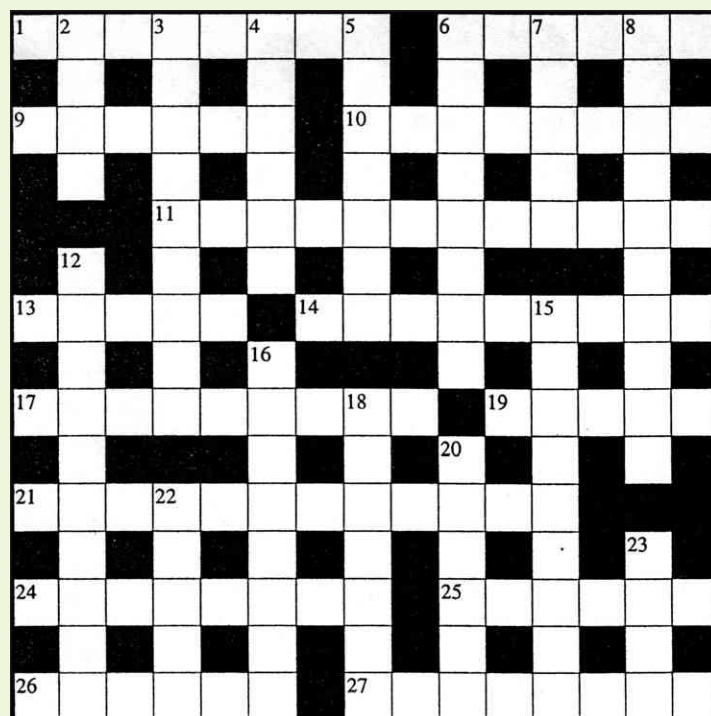
ACROSS

- 1 Literally it is inspired when lively (8)
6 Yellow church, capital (6)
9 Shutter (6)
10 Holiness of another saint going round court with young beginner (8)
11 Back command to start at the other end (7,5)
13 Buffalo is in good French surroundings (5)
14 In an unfailing way of course (9)
17 Worship a tandoori recipe (9)
19 Exhausted writer gets in the way (5)
21 He studies underground movements (12)
24 Gives our revised version that is injurious (8)
25 Understand revolutionary will become furious (3,3)
26 Idiot went round one lake being faintly illuminated (6)
27 Signify period concurrently (8)

DOWN

- 2 Fortune made by carpet manufacturer (4)
3 Lake formed when river rose dangerously (9)
4 The right quartet inside flourish (6)
5 Merit of French comic verse (7)
6 Harmony, nothing else, in musical composition (8)
7 Revolutionary palindrome (5)
8 Not Dad's native country? (10)
12 Moderately intellectual in second line below the centre (10)
15 I'm one undergoing treatment and not willing to wait (9)
16 Was very conspicuous and refused to yield (5,3)
18 No positive amount coming from furry beast (7)
20 Seat is adjusted for afternoon nap (6)
22 Charming time? (5)
23 Some proper method in producing hairdo (4)

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QUICK CLUES

ACROSS

- 1 Break in a journey (8)
6 Boil (6)
9 Of the stars (6)
10 Thin film (8)
11 Pay (12)
13 Bow-legged (5)
14 Timer (9)
17 Part of speech (9)
19 Impure quartz (5)
21 Joblessness (12)
24 Retaliatory (8)
25 Entice (4,2)
26 Eerie (6)
27 Long-winded (8)

DOWN

- 2 Shot (anag.) (4)
3 Game-bird (9)
4 Loudness (6)
5 Cameron (anag.) (7)
6 Brown sugar (8)
7 Sign of omission (5)
8 Compliance (10)
12 No runs scored off six balls (6,4)
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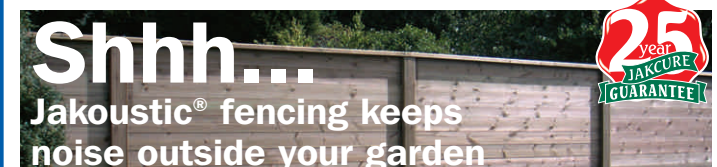


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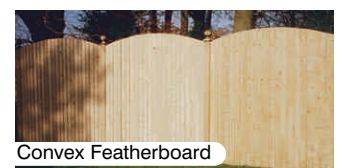
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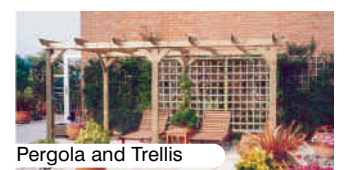


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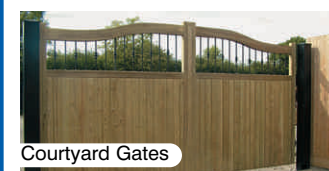


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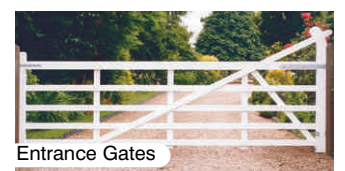


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CRYPTIC SOLUTIONS No20

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QUICK SOLUTIONS No21

ACROSS: 1 Stopover 6 Decoit 9 Astral 10 Membrane 11 Remuneration 13 Bandy 14 Metronome 17 Adjective 19 Agate 21 Unemployment 24 Avenging 25 Lead on 26 Creepy 27 Rambling. DOWN: 2 Tosh 3 Partridge 4 Volume 5 Romance 6 Demerara 7 Caret 8 Conformity 12 Maiden over 15 Nightfall 16 Stultify 18 Voyager 20 Bedlam 22 Mange 23 Goon.

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE No 19: 1) Seagull missing 2) Jet ski rider gone 3) Child no longer with woman 4) Man missing from boat 5) Word 'Beware' erased from sign

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PICK OF THE WEEKEND

BBC one

SATURDAY: CASUALTY (8.25pm): Long-running hospital drama sees Ruth hit a crisis after she makes a mistake and the team find out.

SUNDAY: A QUESTION OF SPORT (7pm): Ryan Sidebottom, James McFadden, Jessica Ennis and Sean Long line up alongside Matt Dawson and Colin Jackson.

BBC TWO

SATURDAY: TEN POUND POMS (8.10pm): Fascinating look at the stories behind those who emigrated to Australia under the Assisted Passage Scheme – some of which resulted in life-long happiness, for others despair.

SUNDAY: AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 GARDENS (9pm): Monty Don visits Australia and New Zealand in a jaunt to find the most inspiring gardens.

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SATURDAY: PRIMEVAL (7pm): Sinister creatures from the future emerge as the team investigate a missing teenage boy, dragged into a flooded drain.

SUNDAY: KINGDOM (9.15pm): Stephen Fry stars in this gentle drama. With his brother Simon now returned, he quickly proves a handful as he embarks on an affair with the wife of the cricket team's captain.

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SATURDAY: GRAND DESIGNS (7.15pm): The new series continues as it follows householders on a mission to re-design and re-decorate their homes.

SUNDAY: TIME TEAM (5.50pm): Tony Robinson presents the archaeological show which today investigates some Roman remains discovered in the Cambridgeshire town of Stilton.

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SATURDAY: NEVERENDING STORY III: RETURN TO FANTASIA (4.45pm): Third instalment in the popular children's fantasy saga sees a youngster being bullied take refuge in the school library – only to find a book that magically transports him to the world of Fantasia.

SUNDAY: LORDS OF DOGTOWN (7pm): Movie drama examining the rise and fall of the skateboarding craze which gripped California in the 1970s and catapulted its stars into the international arena.

Amanda judges time is right to get out of Africa

■ BY BEN FALK

LAST time we heard about Amanda Holden, the actress had discovered a dead body in the woods while she was out on a run.

It was in November and the star was out for a jog with her personal trainer when they happened across an unfortunate soul who had hanged himself from a tree.

"Can I just say, when I found the dead body, the papers said I was 39 and I'm 36!" she says. "I was more traumatised by the fact they got my age wrong than the fact I found a stiff."

"I'm so terrible, because obviously someone did lose their loved one and I don't mean to be flippant."

"I did say I could take over from Amanda Burton in Silent Witness now, because I wasn't fazed by it, purely because I didn't think it was real."

"It was awful, but not as traumatising as it could have been."

At the moment she is in gruelling training for this year's London Marathon. "I won't be like Jade Goody," she reveals. "I am training three or four times a week. I'm knackered. I went out this morning. It's good though, because you can eat loads of cake."

It's a typical Amanda response – self-deprecating, witty, honest.

Whatever you may think of her past tabloid travails (though that stuff has all settled down now she is happily ensconced with beau Chris Hughes and baby Lexi), she's never less than cheerily candid, an increasing rarity amongst celebs.

That's why she has to actively stop herself when asked about her exit from Wild At Heart, the third series of which is now under way on ITV1.



WILD AT HEART: Amanda Holden is set to bid farewell to co-star Stephen Tompkinson in the hit ITV1 drama

"I can't discuss the ending," she giggles. "I keep getting into trouble for giving it away."

Amanda plays vet's wife Sarah in the show, who along with husband Danny (Stephen Tompkinson) has made a new life for herself on a nature reserve in Africa. A warm and cuddly weekend drama, the end of her contract meant an important decision, though not, it turns out, a difficult one.

"To be honest, it wasn't," she admits. "Lexi is nearly two now and it got to the point where I couldn't take her out of the country for six months of the year. It's not fair on my family, it's not really fair on her."

"She was a babe in arms last year, so I had her on set all the time. But she's inherited the noisy gene from her mother and she's not really quiet on set, so we both got told off a lot for speaking. She's walking around and there's a lot of poo and creepy-crawlies, so it's not really the best environment for her."

Nonetheless, shooting her final scenes ended up being one of Amanda's best experiences working on the show.

"It was brilliantly exciting, because it's all very action-packed. I felt like GI Jane, because it was physical and with lots of screaming," she explains.

"It was an emotional day, but it passed and the people that I loved there I'll stay in contact with, so I haven't lost anything really."

Is there a chance she will come back? "I did have lunch with the producer who is trying to make me come back!" she laughs. "So that's all I'll say. He can't afford me. Now I'm working for the Cowell, my expectations are high."

She confirms she is back alongside Simon Cowell as a judge for the next series of Britain's Got Talent, which is set to begin filming this month and transmit later in the year.

"I'm loving the light entertainment side of things at the moment," she says. "We start filming for three months, going round the country, auditioning."

That said, she is only signing up for one series at a time, partly so that she can try and combine it with acting and her home life (she reveals that 2008 "will be" the year she finally gets married) and partly so she can focus her energy on the Marathon, which she is doing on behalf of the Born Free Foundation, of which she is a patron.

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Who's top of our hit parade?

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THIS week the music page is brought to you by the letter B, specifically Graham B, who has uploaded his latest musical recommendation.

The track-suited taste maker explains how his auditory choices are limited by the fact he earns £5.50 an hour, but this doesn't stop him going absolutely mental to an early 90s remix of Sesame Street.

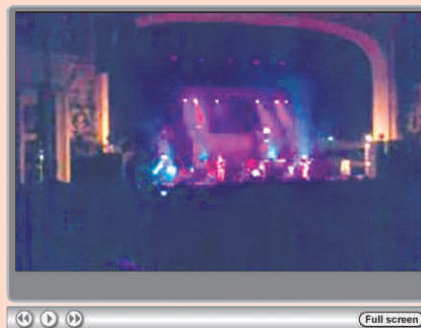
We hope to hear more of Graham's favourites over the coming weeks.

Also gracing Yourkenttv this week is My Last Mistake's tour diary. The Maidstone duo perform a stripped down version of a new song from what may be the bedroom of a Travel Lodge.

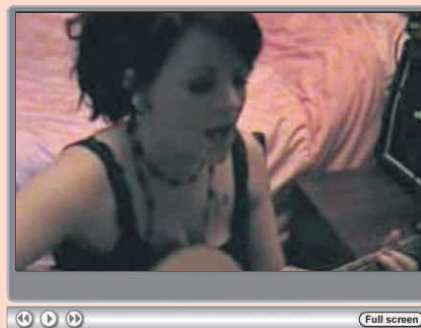
The band promise more to come as they work their way round the UK. All of which means you should bookmark www.yourkenttv.co.uk today for the best in local music.

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LIVE AND LOUD



INDIE CLASSIC: Dancing in the disco bumper to bumper... wait a minute, where's me jumper? We've all been there, now there's another chance to see Sultans of Ping FC perform their pop classic.

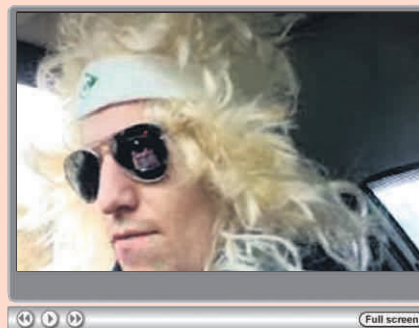


LIVE: Every week, Maidstone's My Last Mistake will be posting a new live performance of one of their songs. Check out their MySpace page www.myspace.com/mylastmistakeUK.

LOCAL TV ONLINE



REUNION: Carter the Unstoppable Sex Machine, or Carter USM for short, performed at the Brixton Academy at a reunion gig late last year. Don't watch if you have epilepsy.



OUR OWN JIMMY SAVILLE: He has the tracksuits, the headband and the questionable taste in music... Could Graham B be the Jimmy Saville for the new millennium?



SHADY: Indie band Hazy Shade perform their song Full Circle on TV show Lads' Night Inn. We haven't seen the show either, but check out the band at www.myspace.com/hazyshadeband.



ANTHEM: Pop rock band D-Finitive on stage at Ashford's Festival in the Park last year performing Elmo Anthem. Another reference to Sesame Street? What is going on?



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BIRTHS

BENEDICT-EVANS

Joshua David born on 6th December 2007, weighing 7lb 8oz. Son to Matthew and Helena in Ramsgate.

BOND

Oliver Peter Frederick Bond born on 10th January 2008, weighing 7lb 12oz. Son to Ian and Sarah Bond, and brother to Grace, in Staplehurst.

BOYNTON

Zoe and Will Boynton of Ramsgate celebrate the birth of their son Cadan Rhys Boynton on 13th January 2008.

CALLOW

Ruby Sue Callow born on 16th January 2008 at Pembury Hospital weighing 5lb 15oz. Daughter to Tom and Lisa.

CHADWICK

Billy Ray Chadwick born on 8th January 2008, weighing 6lb 10oz. Son to Dean Chadwick and Amy Bates in Maidstone.

COX

Tiana Rose born on 15th January 2008, weighing 9lbs 7oz. Daughter to Gordon and Christina in Ramsgate.

DRYDEN

Finley Charles born on 23rd December 2007, weighing 7lb 1oz. Son to Garry and Racheal in Margate.

FAIRBURN

Daniel and Louisa of Maidstone celebrate the birth of their son Charlie Fairburn. Born on the 22nd December 2007 weighing 8lb 10oz at Maidstone Hospital.

FLETCHER

Colin and Alanna Fletcher of Sittingbourne celebrate the birth of their son Thomas Andrew on 5th January 2008.

HARPER

James and Anna Harper of Paddock Wood are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Madeleine Jo Harper, weighing 6lb 7oz, on 8th January 2008.

HOWARD

Annika and Mark of Whitstable are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful baby girl Elva, born on 7th December 2007.

HUMPHREY

Keelan Humphrey born on 13th January 2008, weighing 5lb 15oz. Son to Gareth and Hayley of Tunbridge Wells.

HUYTON

Zac Dylan born on the 19th December 2007 weighing 4lb 6oz. Son to Gareth and Melanie of Lydd, brother to Kaitlin.

ILES

Steve and Sally of Chartham are very pleased and proud to announce the birth of their son, Logan Sebastian Iles, on 19th December 2007. A new baby brother for Hannah, Luke, Ethan and Holly.

JANES

Logan Marshall born on 28th December 2007, weighing 8lb 3oz. Son to Zak Smith and Megan Janes in Herne Bay. Mummy and Daddys special little angel.

JOHNSON

Romeo Anthony David born on 8th January 2008, weighing 7lb 12oz. Son to Kim and Anthony in Ramsgate. Nephew to Gabrielle, Michael, Donna, Shaun, Brenden and Glenn.

KIMBER

Marilyn and Derrick Kimber of Maidstone celebrate the birth of their daughter Natasha Kathleen on 8th January 2008.

KNOWLES

Melody and Gareth Knowles celebrate the birth of their son Benjamin Victor Knowles on the 6th January 2008, brother to Aidan.

LAMPORT

Lucy Hickey and Andrew Lamport of Maidstone celebrate the birth of their son Bradley Christopher Lamport on 14th January 2008.

LASKEY

Donna and Mike Laskey of Cliftonville celebrate the birth of their son Thomas Daniel on 10th January 2008.

LEVESCONTE

Micky and Sam are proud to announce the arrival of their beautiful daughter Brooke Levesconte born on 18th January 2008 at 12.12am weighing 7lb 13oz.

NEAL

Jack George Neal born on 20th December 2007, weighing 6lb 1oz. Son to Jamie and Sarah in Aylesford.

RELF

Darrel and Danni are pleased to announce the birth of their son "Louis Michael Alan Relf" Born 08th January 2008, weighing 8lb 2oz. A little brother to William.

RUSHBROOK

Grace born at home on 9th January 2008, weighing 8lb 3oz. Daughter to Steve and Nicola in Maidstone.

SHARPE

Benjamin Michael Sharpe born on 18th January 2008, weighing 9lb 2oz. Son to Justin and Melanie Sharpe of Tonbridge.

SHAW

Congratulations to Stuart Shaw and Carolyn Mallon on the birth of their beautiful daughter Abigail Joanne Shaw. Born on 9th January 2008.

SQUIRE

Andrew and Rosaria are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Sofia. born on 10th January 2008 weighing 7lb 2oz. A little sister for Natalia.

STRATTEN

Jonathan and Jennifer Stratten of Wadhurst celebrate the birth of their daughter Esther Lily Margaret Stratten on 26th December 2007.

THOMPSON

Richard and Tanja Thompson of Ramsgate celebrate the birth of their son Milan James on 7th January 2008. First grandchild for Jackie and Roger Thompson.

TRICE

Alfie born on 8th January 2008, weighing 7lb 9oz. Son to Becky and David in Margate.

TYLER

Malachi Frederick John Tyler born on 4th January 2008, weighing 10lb 3oz. Son to Graham and Emma Tyler of Tunbridge Wells and a baby brother for Tom, David, Kirsty, Zechariah, Samuel and Ayesha.

WATERS

Benjamin Hadley born on 9th January 2008, weighing 7lb 4oz. Son to Scott and Jane Waters in Ramsgate.

WEBSTER

Thomas Frederick Webster born on 7th January 2008, weighing 7lb. Beautiful son to Rhian and Michael.

WHITTLE

Jenny and David Whittle of Bearsted celebrate the birth of their daughter Katherine Mary Claire Whittle, on 15th January 2008 at Pembury Hospital weighing 7lb 8oz.

DEATHS

BALL

Henry Frederick Ball of East Malling passed away peacefully after a short illness on 20th January 2008, aged 73.

BAXTER

William Edward Baxter passed away peacefully, in his sleep, at his home in Herne Bay. A loving dad, grandad and great grandad who will be very sadly missed, not only by the family but all who knew him. The funeral was held on January 24th at Christchurch, Herne Bay.

BENNETT

Gladys Bennett formerly of Dargate passed away peacefully on 16th January in Faversham aged 84.

BILBROUGH

Henry George Bilbrough of Yalding passed away on 17th January 2008. Enquiries to Doves Funerals, Maidstone 01622 688662.

BUCKINGAHM

Margaret Buckingham of Margate died peacefully on 10th January 2008.

Funeral service at Thanet Crematorium at 1.20 p.m. on 23rd January.

BURCH

Peter Alan Burch passed away suddenly on 14th January 2008, aged 51. Funeral service at All Saints Church Loose at 12 noon on Wednesday 30th January.

COLLINS

Violet Collins, of East Farleigh, passed away on 17th January 2008, aged 93. Sadly missed by all the family. There will be a memorial service at East Farleigh Church on Friday 1st February at 2pm to celebrate her life, all who knew her are welcome.

EAGLETON

David John (Dave) died peacefully at home in his sleep on 4th January. Sadly missed by his wife Anna, Mother Ruby and Sheba. Funeral at Barham Crematorium on 31st January at 2pm. Flowers, if desired to Lyons Military Road.

ELLIS

Kathleen Joan Ellis passed away peacefully on 10th January 2008. Enquiries to Sears Funeral Directors on 01622 754663.

FEATLEY

Kenneth Featley of Westgate passed away peacefully after a long illness on 16th January 2008, aged 67. Service at Thanet Crematorium on 31st January at 12.00 on 28th January. No flowers, donations to Pilgrims Hospice Thanet.

GORE

Arthur Charles passed away peacefully on January 2nd 2008 aged 91. "A true gentleman and friend to so many."

A loving husband, father, uncle and Grandad. Forever in our hearts, God bless, rest in peace. Lots of love Sheila, Heather, Derek, Martin, Rebecca and Stuart. xxx

HOLLINGWORTH

Harry passed away in Shepherdswell on 16th January 2008 aged 87. Funeral 28th January 3.20 pm at Thanet Crematorium. Enquires to W S Cole 01843 821253.

KIRBY

Mary Kirby of Birchington (formerly of Welling) passed away peacefully after a long illness on 13th January 2008, aged 63.

MACDONALD

Ron of Maidstone died peacefully at home on 14th January 2008. Funeral Service at Maidstone Crematorium at 2:45 pm on 29th January 2008.

MINTO

Daphne Joan Minto of Maidstone, formerly of Lowestoft in Suffolk, died peacefully on 16th January 2008, aged 79. Donations gratefully accepted for The Heart of Kent Hospice.

PAGE

Poppy Louise Page sadly taken from us whilst coming into this world on 15th January 2008. Beautiful daughter of Stuart and Vicky and sister to Lily. Funeral to take place at Barham Crematorium on Monday 4th February at 10.00 am. A celebration - no black please.

PLAYFORD

Mark Playford and family are sad to announce the passing of Mary Jean on the 11th January 2008.

ROBB

Peter Robb of Chatham died peacefully on January 12th 2008, aged 76. Funeral service at St. Augustines Church, Rock Avenue, Gillingham at 2.15pm on Monday 28th January.

SELDON

Gerard Arthur ("Gerry") Seldon died peacefully at Sevenoaks Hospital on the 15th January 2008. Memorial Celebration and Thanksgiving for his life at Chevening Church on Friday 1st February at 12 noon. No Flowers but donations to Hospice in the Weald or Friends of Sevenoaks Hospital.

VANNS

Wendy (77) Sadly passed away 21st January 2008 at Kent and Sussex Hospital will be greatly missed by family and many friends.

WILLIAMSON

Jill died suddenly at home on 13th January 2008 aged 49. Service at Thanet Crematorium 2pm on 30th January 2008. Flowers to Gores Funeral Directors Margate.

WRIGHT

Doreen (Dotty) Wright. Former head of English at William Gibbs and Queen Elizabeth Schools passed away on 17 January 2008 after a short illness. Funeral will be held at Thanet Crematorium on Wednesday 30 January 2008 at 12 noon. Family flowers only please. Donations can be made to the Stroke Association care of Beltinge and District Funeral Services.

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UK RESIDENTS are increasingly buying homes abroad, either as holiday venues or places to live in after retirement.

With affordable housing prices and agreeable climates, countries such as France and Spain have become popular second home destinations.

But as budget airlines expand their routes and make travel to places further afield easier and cheaper, some less well known places are seeing investment from these shores.

To allow for this www.protection-insurance.com, a specialist website has increased its holiday home insurance policy and now covers 44 countries. Recent additions include Bulgaria, Montenegro, Estonia, Finland, Norway and Thailand.

Aimed specifically at the owners of properties abroad, the company says it removes the difficulties of dealing with foreign insurers.

Jason Hulott, business development manager for the website, said: "This enhancement to our range of holiday home insurance products will prove invaluable to anyone owning an overseas holiday home.

"The English language policy ensures customers know exactly what is covered and means that premiums and any claims are paid in sterling."

Bonus drop puts locals on ladder

LOWER City bonuses mean fewer high earners will look to buy big in the country this year – so local people have a better chance to move up the property ladder into their dream homes.

This is the findings of a survey by Country Life magazine which surveyed the rural housing market in the £1 million to £3 million bracket.

Property editor Penny Churchill said: "In recent years demand for country houses has always exceeded supply.

"The prospect of fewer City bonus earners looking to buy second homes in the country is likely to be greeted with glee by local buyers, who see a downturn as their best chance in years of trading up to the kind of country home they have always dreamed of.

"This is especially true of the market for properties in the £1 million to £3 million price bracket in the south east where local families have been constantly outbid by City purchasers looking to invest their bonuses in a country or coastal retreat."



HEART OF THE HOME: Buyers place a higher value on the quality of the kitchen than they do on any other part of the house when making their purchasing decision

Why luxury kitchen is the recipe for success

■ BY NICK AMES

THE kitchen is the heart of the home according to new research which shows that it is the place where families come together to socialise.

A survey discovered that time, energy and cash is spent by the majority of homeowners to ensure a state-of-the-art setting for culinary experiments and meals.

Housebuilders Redrow are behind the study which revealed three of the top ten optional extras for the home were upgrades to the kitchen.

Integrated kitchen appliances such as cookers, freezers and work surfaces were among the most popular choices, as was the installation of downlighters.

Simon Bennett, the company's marketing

director, said: "It's true to say that the kitchen is the nucleus of most family homes, a place where families come together not only to eat, but to talk and socialise.

"We design our kitchens with this in mind, incorporating breakfast or seating areas as much as possible and sometimes with family areas alongside, where children can play safely under their parents' supervision.

"On every development we offer a good choice of kitchen cabinets and workshop finishes, from the traditional to the modern, plus splash-back tiling and vinyl flooring.

"Many customers are taking this to the next level by choosing to upgrade to our top-of-the-range kitchens with fully-integrated appliances, granite workshops, ceramic floor tiles

and downlighters, proving that the kitchen is definitely at the heart of the home."

Redrow, who build around 5,000 new homes each year across England, Scotland and Wales, has just launched a scheme offering ways for people to personalise their homes by offering upgrades and extra fittings.

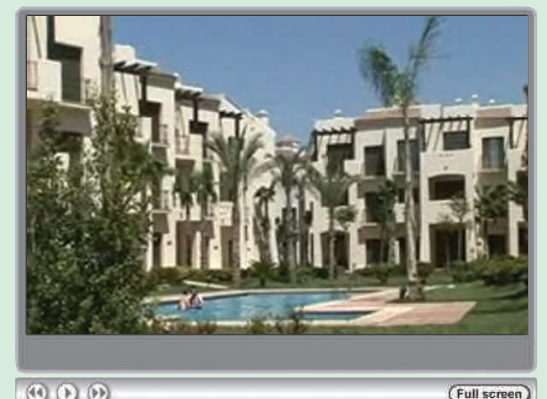
These range from taps to tiling, fireplaces in various designs, extra TV or phone points and alternative doors and handles.

The company also offers optional extras for those concerned about energy saving and preventing unnecessary emissions.

Included are kitchen waste segregation equipment, tap water flow restrictors, solar collectors, low energy lighting and advanced heating controls.

Other popular items include luxury bathroom fittings, carpets throughout the home, burglar alarms and additional fitted wardrobes.

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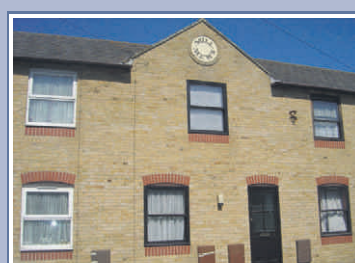
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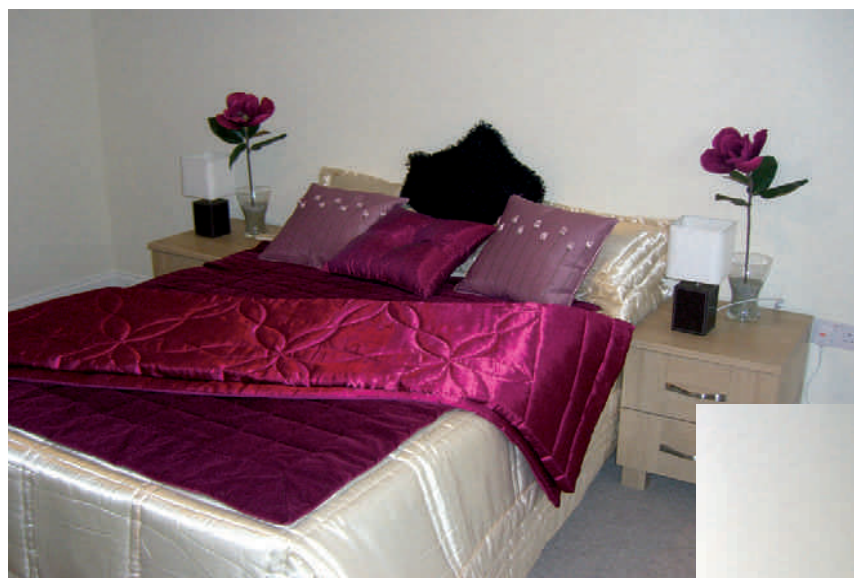


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Fiat's fortunes are looking up at last

FIAT is riding high in the aftermath of launching the highly-acclaimed Fiat 500.

An example of the retro-styled city car is still circling in a capsule aboard the London Eye – as pictured and part of last week's lavish launch event – while the parent company has announced a huge return to profitability.

For many years, Fiat suffered well-documented losses but the Italian group has announced a record trading profit of 3.2 billion euros for 2007 – 66 per cent up on 2006 and the car division almost doubled its profit over 2006, to 1.1 billion euros.

Sales of 2.234m vehicles was also the best in seven years.



Car dealers upbeat about used market

USED car dealers are positive about 2008, despite the credit crunch and faltering consumer confidence.

But research by motor valuation specialist CAP shows dealers see a need to better match stock to customer tastes.

Some plan to feature 'unusual' or more 'exotic' cars to tempt customers, while others will focus on lower mileage, smaller/more economical cars and higher specification cars.

Half will stock more diesels than a year ago – “Expect BMW diesel (pictured) values to rise even faster then,” says Kosmedia motoring editor Steve Loader.



Multi-purpose luxury

CITROEN is taking the compact MPV to new levels of luxury with the Lounge special edition of the award-winning C4 Picasso.

The £23,995 Lounge features full black leather upholstery for four large individual armchair style seats, chrome wheels, premium sound system, vast panoramic sunroof, black bodywork, sporty rear spoiler and a special chrome grille.

Power comes from a 2.0 HDi 138bhp turbodiesel, paired with a six-speed fully automatic gearbox and offers a maximum 118mph and almost 40mpg on the combined cycle.



VERSATILE: The Toyota Verso offers a stylish exterior and all the practicalities required of an MPV, plus a drive quality that puts many of its competitors in the shade

If you've no choice but to buy an MPV...

WOULD anyone buy an MPV unless they really had to?

I ask myself this every time I road test one and weigh the pros of more space, versatility and, sometimes, extra seats against the cons: ugliness, extra costs and terminal image failure that cannot be saved by fancy alloys and a joke spoiler.

A possible exception is Toyota's midi contender, the Verso. The car's looks are not to everyone's tastes but, within the constraints of a 'one-box' MPV design, I reckon the Toyota cuts a dash.

The view inside is equally impressive; Toyota has created an air of distinction and quality and more chance than most MPVs of deferring the inevitable “Are we there yet?” whine.

Our T180 flagship was, of course, equipped with the ultimate deterrent: a DVD system with screens on the backs of the front seats, allowing two warring factions to be kept amused.

Then, should WWII still ensue, that's when the rear privacy glass ensures the rest of the world is kept blissfully unaware of it.

ROAD TEST TOYOTA VERSO

BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

But what really impresses about all Versos is their driving appeal.

The T180 is particularly good, with dramatic low down pulling power from its 175bhp 2.2-litre turbodiesel making for impressive acceleration through a crisp and precise six-speed gearbox, yet it is neither raucous or coarse so an average of 40+mpg and relaxed motorway cruising is also part of the package.

Ride quality is a shrewd mixture of comfort plus taut handling with feedback through the wheel excellent for this class – whisper it, but I quite enjoyed a week with the car, mostly driving solo.

Versatility and space is top notch with both rearmost rows of seats folding flat to the floor for easy loading in 'van mode'. The middle ones also slide to vary boot space or legroom for those in the rearmost seats.

Like many rivals, using full seven-seat capacity means that boot space is modest, though no buyer of seven-seaters in this class should expect to use the cramped extra pair more than occasionally – for the school run perhaps.



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FAMILY/COMPANY CARS

IT'S getting tough in the family/company car arena. Prestige names like BMW, Audi and Mercedes have moved into territory once dominated by the Ford Mondeo and Vauxhall Vectra. Cars of this size have also faced competition from rising sales in the people carrier/MPV and 4x4/SUV sectors. The response from mainstream carmakers has been to go for more quality, as shown by the latest VW Passat and Toyota Avensis, and Ford has hit back with the latest Ford Mondeo by shifting it upmarket, though the previous car remains a tough competitor.

VW PASSAT



VW's previous Passat set a higher benchmark for quality and the new version raised the bar again. The German giant recognised the best way to counter upmarket rivals, including sister marque Audi, was by upping the standard of the overall package. So the new Passat is more spacious, drives better than the previous model and looks good. Factor in some of the best engines, petrol or diesel, on the market plus modest pricing and it looks irresistible.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

FORD MONDEO



SUCCESS almost undid the Mondeo. Ford's clout in the market for company cars means that the car used to sell in huge numbers. But being commonplace with an everyday badge on the bonnet led to avoidance by some private buyers, even though it offers a terrific mix of handling and ride; saloon, hatchback and capacious estate body styles; plus a huge range of engines and specifications – the diesels are a big improvement on those in previous Mondeos.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

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Driving appeal	★★★★★
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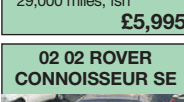
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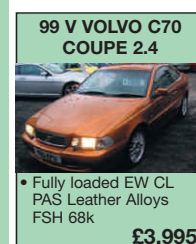
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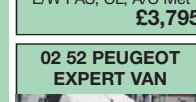
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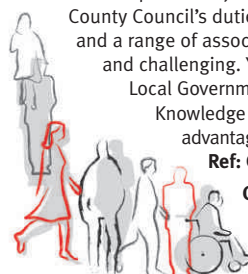
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Required From: 21 April 2008
Closing date: 1 February 2008

To apply/more information

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All Saints CE Primary School
Maggie Hall Road
Chatham, Kent ME4 5JY
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Email headteacher@allsaints.medway.sch.uk

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Required From: 21 April 2008
Closing date: 19 February 2008

To apply/more information

School Office
Skinner Street Primary School
Skinner Street
Gillingham, Kent ME7 1LG
Telephone - (01634) 850213
Email office@skinnerst.medway.sch.uk

St Margarets CEVC Junior School

KS2 Teacher
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full Time and permanent
Required From: 21 April 2008
Closing date: 8 February 2008

To apply/more information

Paul Gabbett, Headteacher
St Margarets CEVC Junior School
Orchard Street
Rainham, Kent ME8 9AE
Telephone - (01634) 230998
Email office@stmargarets.org.uk

Dean Wood Primary Ed. Technology School

Salary: MPS/UPS
Full Time and Temporary
Contract: 25th Feb - 31st August 2008
Required From: 25 February 2008
Closing date: 05 February 2008

To apply/more information

Robin Halls
Headteacher
Long Catlis Road
Parkwood
Gillingham, Kent ME8 9TX
Telephone - (01634) 231901
Email headteacher@deanwood.medway.sch.uk

Deputy Headteacher All Saints CE Primary School

Deputy Headteacher
Salary: Leadership scale 11 - 16
Full Time and permanent
Required From: 21 April 2008
Closing date: 1 February 2008

To apply/more information

Deborah Good
All Saints CE Primary School
Maggie Hall Road
Chatham
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ME4 5JY
Telephone - (01634) 338922
Email headteacher@allsaints.medway.sch.uk

St Margarets At Troy Town CE Primary School

Deputy Headteacher
Salary: Leadership scale 7 - 11 (£40,590 - £44,790)
Full Time and permanent
Required From: 21 April 2008
Closing date: 4 February 2008

To apply/more information

Ms J Falk
Headteacher
St Margarets At Troy Town CE Primary School
King Street
Rochester
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ME1 1YF
Telephone - (01634) 843843
Email headteacher@st-margaretsattroytown.medway.sch.uk

SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Teacher

Rainham Mark Grammar School

Science Teacher
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full Time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing date: 7 February 2008

To apply/more information

School Office
Rainham Mark Grammar School
Pump Lane
Gillingham
Kent ME8 7AJ
Telephone - (01634) 364151
Email office@rainhammark.medway.sch.uk

Rainham Mark Grammar School

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Closing date: 7 February 2008

To apply/more information

School office
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Email office@rainhammark.medway.sch.uk

Rainham School for Girls

Teacher of Food Technology & Child Development
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full Time and permanent
Required From: April or September 2008
Closing date: 11 February 2008

To apply/more information

Mrs D Francis, Personnel Officer
Rainham School for Girls
Derwent Way
Rainham, Kent ME8 0BX
Telephone - (01634) 362746
Email dfrancis@rsg.org.uk

Chatham Grammar School for Girls

Teacher of Design Technology (Textiles)
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full Time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing date: 15 February 2008

To apply/more information

The School office
Chatham Grammar School for Girls
Rainham Road
Chatham, Kent ME5 7EH
Telephone - (01634) 851262
Email chile001@medway.org.uk

Head of subject

The Howard School

Head of Spanish
Salary: MPS/UPS + TLR of £2,364
Full Time and permanent
Required From: 21 April 2008
Closing date: 8 February 2008

To apply/more information

Mr P Morris, Headteacher
The Howard School
Derwent Way
Rainham, Kent ME8 0BX
Telephone - (01634) 388765
Email office@howard.medway.sch.uk

SPECIAL SCHOOLS

Danecourt Community School

Class teacher
Salary: MPS/UPS + SEN 2
Full Time and permanent
Required From: 21 April 2008
Closing date: 6 February 2008

To apply/more information

Mrs Royle
Danecourt Community School
Hotel Road
Gillingham, Kent ME8 6AA
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Informal enquiries about the post may be made to the Acting Head of Department, William Stow, on 01227 782524. Ref: LSL3/PTD/77.

Closing date: 14 February 2008.

Interview date: 28 February 2008.

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Informal enquiries about the posts may be made to the Head of Department, Sue Kendall-Seatter, on 01227 782088. Ref: LSL7/PE/77.

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Assistant Registrar – Timetabling & Rooming

£32,796 to £40,335 per annum

You will lead the University's Timetable Unit which manages the teaching timetable and rooming of non-teaching events using a computerised system (Scientia Syllabus +). The Unit is responsible for the production of computerised University timetables. The role will involve developing policies and procedures in the area of timetabling and rooming to ensure that the service meets the needs of the institution and contributing, through the provision of data, to the development of the University's estate to meet the needs of academic and non-academic rooming requirements.

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Informal enquiries to Professor Mike Weed on 01227 782743. Ref: RDO/SSTL/77.

The starting date is 1 April 2008 or as soon as possible thereafter.

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You will help deliver a range of academic support services to students, including producing study skills and learning development resources, undertaking academic guidance work and actively contributing to the workshop programme.

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You must show initiative and be able to work without close supervision. Possession of relevant teaching qualifications, together with a level of IT literacy that encompasses familiarity with software applications for study support, would be advantageous. Ref: STU/SSSU/77.

Application forms and further details are available from www.canterbury.ac.uk. Alternatively please call 01227 782475 (answerphone) or e-mail hr@canterbury.ac.uk quoting the appropriate reference. No agencies.

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Service Desk Technician Level 3 (Computing Support)

37 hrs per week, salary starting from £18,285 per annum.

Post Ref: SDT3/KOS

Trainer Demonstrator Hospitality & Catering

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Post Ref: 06/22/KOS

Evening Catering Assistant

16 hrs per week, 36 weeks term time. Salary £11,744 pro rata per annum.

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Staff benefits include:

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Section Manager Construction Crafts

37 hrs per week, salary starting from £32,648 per annum.

Post Ref: 08/12/KOS

Co-ordinator Health & Social Care

37 hrs per week, salary starting from £26,236 per annum.

Post Ref: 04/171/KOS

Lecturer in Hospitality & Catering

18.5 hrs per week, salary range £17,729 – £25,420 pro rata per annum.

Post Ref: 06/48/KOS

Lecturer Electrical Installations

37 hrs per week, salary range £17,729 – £25,420 per annum.

Post ref: 06/131/KOS

HE Lecturer Music

9.25 hrs per week, salary range £17,729 – £25,420 pro rata per annum.

Post Ref: 08/15/KOS

HE Lecturer Music

18.5 hrs per week, salary range £17,729 – £25,420 pro rata per annum.

Post Ref: 08/16/KOS

HE Supply Lecturers -Assessor and Verifier awards

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Additional Learning Support (CAST) Tutor Lecturer Grade C: £28,415 - £31,954

Ref: 183

The main task of the post-holder will be to organise, deliver, monitor and evaluate the additional learning support for learners. Preferably JCQ qualified. You will also have a recognised teaching qualification and be able to demonstrate recent, all round experience and knowledge in assessing and supporting learners.

Lecturer in Electrical Installation Lecturer Grade C: £28,415 - £31,954

Ref: 217

We are seeking to appoint enthusiastic professionals to teach, assess and participate in the development of Electrical Installation courses. The successful candidate will assist learners in all practical aspects of electrical installation and be able to assess competence at all levels on electrical programmes. The applicant must hold a relevant qualification in Electrical Installation and have proven trade experience.

Lecturer in Electrical Installation with Programme Co-ordination Responsibilities Grade: Circa: £28,415 - £31,954

Ref: 226

We have an excellent opportunity for a Lecturer in Electrical Installation who will be actively involved in the development and promotion of Electrical Installation programmes. The ideal candidate must hold a relevant qualification in Electrical Installation and have proven trade experience. This post would provide an excellent opportunity for a highly motivated lecturer to take a first step into Management.

Lecturer in Mechanical Engineering Lecturer Grade C: £28,415 - £31,954

Ref: 320

The primary role of the post-holder will be to teach, demonstrate, facilitate, assess machining operations and participate in the development of Mechanical Engineering courses. You will have proven experience in Mechanical Engineering and be able to teach across a range of levels from Foundation/GCSE to Higher National. The successful candidate will have a HNC or Degree in an Engineering subject. Knowledge of CAD/CAM would be an advantage, applicants should hold or be willing to work towards an approved teaching qualification.

Lecturer in Psychology Lecturer Grade B: £24,361 - £27,897

Ref: 262

We are looking for a Lecturer in Psychology is to teach on a range of courses and participate in the development of Psychology. Applicants should hold a relevant degree in Psychology and have the ability to teach A/S and A2 Level and Access courses.

Chef Lecturer in Hospitality and Catering Lecturer Grade B: £24,361 - £27,897

Ref: 294

You will contribute to the development, management and teaching of hospitality programmes. With current knowledge and practical experience of the Catering Industry you will have sufficient teaching experience and educated to Level 3 or the equivalent in a relevant field. The candidate must have a recognised teaching qualification, Intermediate Food Hygiene certificate and possess either a D32/33 or A Award.

HE Lecturer in Tourism (22 hours per week) Lecturer Grade C: £28,415 - £31,954 pro-rata

Ref: 297

An opportunity has arisen for a HE Lecturer in Tourism. The main purpose of the role is to deliver and teach on our foundation degree in tourism. You will also be required to teach on a range of Travel and Tourism courses. You must have a degree in Tourism and be willing to work towards an appropriate teaching qualification.

Lecturer in Performing Arts Lecturer Grade B £24,361 - £27,897

Ref: 081

We have an exciting opportunity for a creative and dynamic individual with enthusiasm for working with younger students. The successful candidate will be involved with the development of the department, driving forward new ideas and must be able to demonstrate innovative ways of working.

You will have experience teaching in FE, ideally with an acting and/or drama specialism with a minimum first degree in relevant subject area and hold an appropriate teaching qualification.

Lecturer in Basic Skills, Key Skills & ESOL Lecturer Grade A: £16,399 - £23,840

Ref: 383

The post holder will join a team of teachers who are responsible for delivering Skills for Life qualifications in ESOL, Key Skills and Basic Skills. The job involves preparing, organising and teaching ESOL, Key Skills and Basic Skills qualifications to full time and part time students. You will be a graduate with teaching experience and ideally have an ESOL/EFL qualification.

Personal Tutor (Fixed-Term & Permanent) Grade E £19,161 - £24,700

Ref: 132

As a Personal Tutor you will plan and deliver a full range of group tutorials to learners with a wide range of abilities. A key responsibility will be to effectively liaise with departmental staff, parents/guardians and attend various meetings to share relevant information. You will be able to work with minimum supervision and have experience of working in a coaching, mentoring or teaching capacity and be willing to undertake an appropriate teaching qualification.

Assessor in Engineering (15 hours per week) Grade E: £19,161 - £24,700 pro-rata

Ref: 325A

An opportunity has arisen for an Assessor in Engineering. The successful candidates will be responsible for monitoring the progress of trainees and ensuring employers and managing agents are appraised of trainee progress in their respective areas. The post(s) will be responsible for assessing practical skills and internal verification of trainees therefore candidates should hold a relevant qualification for Mechanical Engineering or Services or Fabrication & Welding assessment.

Assessor/Reviewing Officer in Electrical Installation Grade E: £19,161 - £24,700

Ref: N04

We are looking for an Assessor/Officer in Electrical Installation. The successful candidate will review and assess learners in all aspects of electrical installation. You must possess a suitable qualification in Electrical Installation and have proven trade experience. Good communication skills, both verbal and written are essential and ability to travel between College sites.

Assessor/Reviewing Officer in Carpentry Grade E: £19,161 - £24,700

Ref: 003

As a member of Construction Crafts you will liaise with employers and learners to co-ordinate, review and assess apprentices on funded programmes. You will have experience working in the Construction Industry as a Wood Occupations Assessor and have up-to-date knowledge of assessment issues.

Personnel Officer Grade: Circa £26,000 to £30,000

Ref: N01

Using strong business acumen you will provide comprehensive generalist advice to our clients and work closely with senior managers on specific projects and TUPE transfers.

You will be able to demonstrate knowledge of employment legislation, including TUPE and have significant experience of capability, disciplinary and grievance procedures. The successful applicant must have the ability to introduce change effectively and diplomatically, whilst knowledge of payroll would be advantageous. You will have obtained a degree or equivalent qualification and CIPD membership/part membership or a willingness to work towards membership.

Personnel Advisor Grade B: £14,618 - £17,994

Ref: 492

As a member of the Personnel department you will compliment the existing team in all aspects of the day-to-day running of the College Personnel function. You will provide generalist advice to managers and staff and have an understanding of recent developments in employment legislation. The successful candidate will be educated to level 2/3 or equivalent and be able to demonstrate excellent administrative skills and practical knowledge of Microsoft Word and Excel. In addition, an interest in Payroll would be advantageous and you will have obtained your CPP qualification or be willing to work towards it.

Payroll Assistant Grade B: £14,618 - £17,994

Ref: 487

As a member of the Personnel and Payroll department you will assist in all aspects of the day-to-day running of the College Payroll, including processing joiners, leavers, pensions and claim forms. You will be able to demonstrate excellent numeracy skills and have the ability to produce and manipulate data using spreadsheets. Previous Payroll experience and an interest in employee relations would be advantageous.

Technician in Beauty Grade A: £11,261 - £15,727

Ref: 045

We are looking to recruit a highly motivated individual to provide guidance and support to learners and assists with the running of various Clinics. You will be energetic with good organisational and communication skills and have relevant experience within the beauty industry.

Travel Shop Advisor (15 hours per week) Grade D: £17,341 - £22,239 pro-rata

Ref: 313

A vacancy has arisen in our fully ABTA bonded travel agency for an experienced travel consultant. The candidate will be able to demonstrate an understanding of travel courses and provide comprehensive and professional travel provision for staff, students and visitors to the College.

Examinations Assistant Grade B: £14,618 - £17,994

Ref: 605

As the main point of contact for at least one Awarding Body you will provide administrative support for examinations in liaison with the examinations co-ordinator. You will have experience using databases and Microsoft Word and Excel.

Receptionist/Administrator (Fixed-Term, Maternity Cover, Maidstone) Grade A: £11,261 - £15,727 per annum

Ref: 464

Receptionist/Administrator (Chatham & Rochester) Grade A: £11,261 - £15,727

Ref: 397

As a member of the multi-disciplined Campus Management Team you will provide a comprehensive and efficient front-line service to College stakeholders. You will undertake the full range of reception and administrative duties and have experience using MS Office applications. Previous reception/administration and front-line experience essential.

Library Assistant (18.5 hours per week 40 weeks per year) Grade A: £11,261 - £15,727 pro-rata

Ref: 559

As part of a team you will assist in the provision of front line library services, ensuring the delivery of high quality, easily accessible services to all users. We are looking to appoint a professional and enthusiastic individual with excellent administrative skills who is able to work accurately with alpha/numeric systems. You will be educated to GCSE or equivalent level in Mathematics and English.

Learner Finance Administrator Grade A: £11,261 - £15,727

Ref: 615

Your prime responsibility will be to define and maintain a central College system for delivering the administrative requirements of all Learner Finance services within set financial guidelines. Services include, Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) and the Audit Learning Grant (ALG).

Department Administrator (Fixed-Term, Maternity Cover) Grade A: £11,261 - £15,727 per annum

Ref: 442

You will provide efficient and effective day-to-day administrative support and assistance to at least one department. You will have excellent administrative skills and experience using Microsoft Office applications.

Apprentice in Administration (1 year Fixed-Term Contract) Grade A: based on percentage of £9,350

Ref: N02

As a member of the Curriculum Team you will provide support to College stakeholders and the learning and development function. The successful candidate will develop competencies to meet NVQ Level 2 Standards of performance.

Administration Assistant (Fixed-Term, Maternity Cover) Grade B: £14,618 - £17,994 per annum

Ref: 485

Working with the Learning and development team you will assist in the planning and co-ordination of all Continuing Professional Development (CPD) activities. Advanced knowledge and experience of using Microsoft Office and the ability to plan, organise and take minutes of meetings is essential.

Entry to Employment Facilitator (6 months Fixed-Term) Grade A: £11,261 - £15,727 pro-rata

Ref: N03

We are looking to recruit an individual with excellent administration skills to assist with the day-to-day recording of student progress and to liaise with external and internal agencies under the guidance of Tutors.

Please note that all posts are subject to a 3% cost of living increase effective from 1 February 2008.

The benefits of joining Mid-Kent College include generous annual leave, final salary pension scheme, flexible working and on-site gym.

All posts are subject to an Enhanced Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure.

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Mark Whitling has been taken on as online marketing executive. He previously worked as assistant communications manager for the Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust.

Jenny Marshall has also been appointed in the role of marketing communications executive after studying business administration with marketing.

KTA gets new investors

KENT Tourism Alliance now has the Holiday Inn Ashford North and the Marriott Bexleyheath as new investors.

KTA, a private and public partnership promoting the county's £1.8 billion tourist industry, offers a range of benefits to its investors, who include visitor destinations, accommodation providers, local authorities and tourism organisations.

Freight anger at French

THE Freight Transport Association has expressed "astonishment" that French authorities in Calais have banned the use of electronic scanning equipment to detect illegal immigrants hiding in lorries bound for the UK.

The units are reported to have been banned because the French claim their use breaches EU regulations.

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Exports still strong despite downturn

MANUFACTURING demand in the South East has remained firm in the face of serious concerns of a global economic downturn, according to the latest CBI Industrial Trends survey.

■ BY TONY PATEY

Three months ago, bosses were expressing their fears as the credit crunch began to bite – but their pessimism faded as orders for British-made goods continued to hold up and exports grew at their fastest rate for 12 years.

Malcolm Hyde, CBI South East regional director, said: "Manufacturers share similar concerns to other sectors about the economy – a fear that rising costs might become combined with slowing demand."

"Thankfully, the expected wobble in demand didn't materialise in the last three months and orders for British-made goods have held up, particularly from abroad."

"What we are seeing is part of a necessary rebalancing of the economy, in the face of slowing consumer spending."

He said the dilemma now facing the Bank of England over interest rates was to weigh risks of a slowdown with the real pressure on prices in both factories and other areas of the economy.

"Price pressures from oil and food costs will bring higher inflation in the short term and may push the inflation rate further above target during 2008, making the Bank's decision even more difficult," he said.

Although export orders in particular are remaining healthy, rising food and energy costs mean bosses expect their domestic prices to go up at the fastest rate for 13 years, pushing up export prices faster than they have done over the last two years.

Demand has continued to grow, with 28 per cent of firms saying total new orders increased in the three months to January compared with 17 per cent reporting a decrease.

This exceeded expectations, but slower growth is expected in the next three months.

But demand this quarter was for the most part driven by export orders, no doubt helped by the weaker pound – though much of the currency's depreciation occurred after the survey was conducted.

Exports grew at the fastest rate since October 1995, but concerns that political and economic conditions abroad would limit orders over the coming three months have increased slightly since October and expectations are for flat growth in the next three months.



FEARS FADE: A wobble in demand didn't materialise and orders for British goods have held up



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England calls for schoolboy

A TALENTED Folkestone schoolboy has successfully come through national trials and will line up for the England under-16 hockey team next month.

Ross Gilham-Jones of Harvey Grammar School is in the squad which will travel to Dublin for matches against the Republic of Ireland next month.

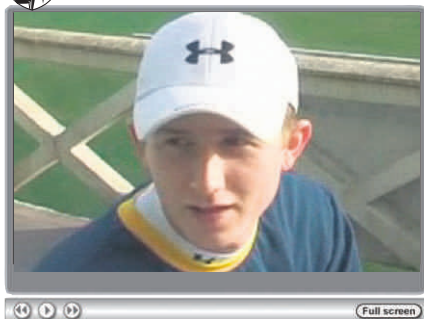
Good performances could cement his place in the squad for a four nations tournament in Holland, before this summer's prestigious Euronations tournament in The Hague.

The call-up is the latest step for the teenager, after representing Kent and South East England.

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Kent batsmen Joe Denly talks about his experiences of facing spin in India

Goal machine hits net again

BUSTER Smissen continued his wonderful season by scoring his 26th league goal of the campaign to set Hythe Town on their way to a 2-0 victory against Croydon.

Croydon visited Reachfields with a plan to frustrate the hosts and they succeeded until five minutes before the break when the hit-man put Hythe in front.

The visitors defended solidly and Town struggled to find the crucial second goal until the closing minutes, when Pat Kingwell scored his second goal of the season. Town have the best home record in the Kent Premier Division, with nine wins and a draw from ten games.

With leaders VCD Athletic playing in the FA Vase, Paul Fisk's side closed the gap to eight points. With almost half a season remaining, his side have not given up hope of a late charge for the title ahead of Saturday's visit to Faversham Town.

• **Hythe played Thamesmead Town in the League Cup quarter-finals last night. Log on to www.yourshepway.co.uk for the match report.**



BRUISING ENCOUNTER: Dover fought bravely to close out a narrow win which takes them to within a point of the league leaders

Promotion hopes alive and well for the Sharks

RUGBY

■ BY YOURDOVER REPORTER

Dover 5 Gravesend 0

ther side made any mistakes.

"I think to be fair if the game had finished 0-0 I would have been happy. I think we did deserve the victory come the final whistle.

"There were few scoring opportunities but that was down to great defending and it was an enthralling watch for the fans."

A bumper crowd of more than 300 flocked to Crabble to watch the meeting of the division's top two, creating a superb atmosphere.

Gravesend were the first to apply the pressure, making life difficult for the Dover forwards.

Both defences were on top, with Gravesend missing the only penalty of the first half.

The visitors missed another two kicks just

after the break as Dover grew in confidence. The hosts missed penalties of their own and the game looked set for an improbable 0-0 draw before the game was won by Beaumont.

After several phases of play, inside-half Ben Murray, who had also had a fine game, provided Beaumont with a quick ball. Beaumont was heavily involved as the ball moved from right to left across the park and when a gap appeared, he burst through for an excellent try.

Tonks said: "It was great win, I believe we really do have a great chance at winning the league this year. However, we must not forget if you do not turn up at a game in this league you will get beat.

"I could not fault my players' efforts they were fantastic. My defence withstood a lot of pressure from Gravesend but they were equal to it. They gave 150 per cent, I hope they enjoy the victory."

The Sharks take a break from league action this weekend to resume their run in the Senior Vase. They face Essex club Rochford Hundred at Crabble for a place in the quarter-finals.

A MARTYN Beaumont try ten minutes from time proved the difference between London South East 3's top two as Dover slashed Gravesend's lead to a single point.

The visitors had been the team to beat all season and went into the game three points clear of the Sharks. An away victory would have opened up an almost unassailable five-point gap at the top so Dover realistically needed a win to keep their promotion hopes alive.

There was little to choose between the sides throughout and it looked to be heading for a stalemate until Beaumont finished a flowing move for the only points of the match.

Sharks coach Graham Tonks said: "It was a really good game. It was tight but that is what we expected from Gravesend, they are a very good side. The lads played very well. The intensity in the contact area was enormous. There was little room for error and to their credit nei-

Own goal earns Invicta away-day point

FOOTBALL

Ashford Town (Middx) 1 Folkestone Invicta 1

the bottom of the Ryman Premier.

Scoring goals has been the main problem for Folkestone this term. With only 28 goals in their 26 league games, they are the joint lowest scorers in the division.

But Cugley believes the arrival of former Crystal Palace and Brentford striker Lloyd Blackman could change the club's fortunes in front of goal.

He said: "I have been after him for quite a long time because he is a local

AN own goal helped Folkestone Invicta continue their revival as they picked up an away point for the first time in more than three months.

Neil Cugley's side had lost six successive games since sharing a 0-0 draw with AFC Wimbledon on October 9, but the run came to an end in Middlesex.

Invicta led thanks to an own goal in the first half, but hopes of an away victory were dashed with an excellent free-kick which goalkeeper Charlie Mitten could not keep out.

The draw maintained Folkestone's useful run since the New Year, with only one defeat in their last four games.

The sequence of results has kept Neil Cugley's team clear of trouble at

lad. I have been following his progress and I have tried to sign him at various times.

"He works very hard and he is a handful. With him and Leigh Bremner playing up front together, they will cause teams problems."

Blackman's arrival from Welling United will free up Jimmy Corbett to move back into his more favoured midfield slot, increasing competition for places throughout the side.

Damian Able left the club last week to join Ramsgate on a month's loan deal. The striker had become frustrated at a lack of first team opportunities but is in Cugley's long-term plans.

Invicta host Tonbridge Angels at the Buzzlines Stadium this Saturday.



FULL STRENGTH: Striker Lloyd Blackman's signing means Jimmy Corbett (above, right) can return to his favoured midfield position

Collin's goals prove crucial for Whites

FOOTBALL

BY YOURDOVER REPORTER

Dover Athletic 3 Whyteleafe 0

DOVER Athletic completed a good week off the pitch with a stylish performance on it as Whyteleafe were brushed aside at Crabble.

The Whites dominated the game and could have made the scoreline more emphatic, but had to settle for a 3-0 win thanks to goals from Jon Wallis, James Rogers and Frannie Collin.

Before kick-off the Crabble crowd gave new signing John Whitehouse a warm welcome. The goalkeeper starred in Chatham Town's 3-1 win against Dover earlier this month and signed on Friday.

He went straight into the starting line-up and enjoyed a quiet debut as Whyteleafe struggled to launch any concerted attacks on his goal.

Dover controlled the game from kick-off and took the lead on 30 minutes when Wallis smashed home a free-kick from 30-yards.

Rogers volleyed home from close range just before the break to give the hosts a comfortable lead.

Collin added a third on 70 minutes to give Andy Hessenthaler's side a routine victory.

It was the second 3-0 win at home in a week, after they convincingly dealt with play-off hopefuls Kingstonian last Monday. Collin and Rogers were again on the scoresheet, with Matt Fish also netting.

The latter's recent performances have impressed his manager.

Hessenthaler said: "Fish has been brilliant since he has come back. He is very fit and his runs in attack bring more players into the game. He does give us an option and it works really well when we play three defenders at the back."

• Dover played Walton Casuals last night.
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Picture: SIMON HARRIS

ON TARGET: Frannie Collin (in white) rounded off the victory with a goal 20 minutes from the final whistle

Disappointing defeat for Lions



UPHILL STRUGGLE: The Lions are effectively out of the running for promotion this season

A DEFEAT to promotion rivals Lordswood all but ended Deal & Betteshanger's chances this season.

The away side led until the last 20 minutes, when Deal & Betteshanger were in charge of the game and were leading 17-15.

They put on a good display after trailing 14-7 at half-time, but in the last 20 minutes, the Lions conceded two sloppy identical tries.

Matthew Micheal scored the only try for Deal & Betteshanger, while tries from Luke Armstrong and Tom Best put the Lions in the lead.

However, a disastrous final quarter from the away side saw them slump to defeat.

The ball was kicked into the 22 and the Lions' defence failed to deal the hanging ball and Lordswood crashed over the try line.

It was a disappointing defeat for the Lions and a difficult second half to the season that has seen them drop right off the pace in London South East Three.

The team has lost three games on the spin and it has seen them drop

RUGBY

Lordswood 36 Deal & Betteshanger 17

down to fifth in the league.

The Lions have an important couple of months with crunch games against teams at the lower end of London and South East Three.

The Lions will be looking to put some pressure on the top teams when they face ninth-placed Eastbourne on Saturday.

Deal & Betteshanger then face Kent rivals Aylesford Bulls on February 9, before playing against the league's two bottom sides, Tonbridge Juddian and Lewes.

If the Lions are to finish in the league's top three, they will need to take maximum points from the next three fixtures.

The club is advertising for a manager of the 2nd XV. If you are interested, contact David Storrie on 01304 361378 or 07891086981.

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SPORT IN BRIEF

Town earn battling point against league high-fliers

DEAL Town held high-flying Beckenham Town to a goalless draw at the Charles Sports Ground on Saturday.

Both sides had chances to take maximum points from the game, but neither side could find a way through.

It was a good point for Deal against a side second in the Kent Premier League table and means they have only lost one of their last five matches.

Town have a good opportunity to extend the run this Saturday when they visit bottom side Tunbridge Wells.

Dover hope Boars lose their winning sparkle

THE Dover Invitation Darts Winter League reaches its climax on Friday as Boars Head Diamonds attempt to complete a perfect season.

The team have won all 17 matches so far, but standing in their way are Bull A, who have lost just once this season and are still in with a chance of taking the title.

Both teams set up the finale with big wins in their penultimate matches. Diamonds dismissed Archer 8-1 while Bull A sealed a 9-0 whitewash over bottom side Bull B.

Relegation woes left behind for Folkestone

A RESOUNDING home win eased Folkestone's relegation worries in London South East 4 as Hastings & Bexhill were beaten 36-3.

The victory was Folkestone's third from the last four games and moved them into sixth in the table, six points clear of the bottom.

They have the chance to climb into the top half of the table for the first time since the opening day of the season with a win against Crowborough this Saturday.

Gap at top of league closes to nine points

FOLKESTONE men's 1st XI maintained their strong season with a 1-0 win away at Burnt Ash.

The team are on a great run, with six wins and two draws in their last eight games in the 1st XI Kent/Sussex Regional division.

The win kept Folkestone third in the table, but with league leaders Ashford dropping points, the gap at the top is down to nine points.

They host mid-table Horsham at Cheriton Road this Saturday as they look to extend their unbeaten run to nine games.

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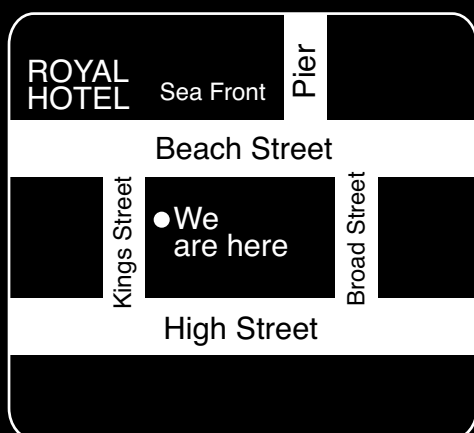
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